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Thought for the Week: *The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter. Mark Twain*

## EASTER WALK

Southern Wells Community Church invites you to take a walk on a guided tour and hear the incredible story of Jesus during his final days.

This live event will be Sunday April 10th from 5:30 - 8pm at SWCC, 9450 S 300 W, Poneto, IN.

Come and hear the Amazing Story of Jesus and learn what the True meaning of Easter Really is!

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

Warren Town Council will hold their next meeting on April 18th, 6:00p.m., due to scheduling conflicts. There will be only one meeting in April.

Regular Meetings of Town Council will then be the Second Monday of each month, with only one meeting per month at 6 p.m.

## BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale, Saturday,

April 2, from 10-2. Bags will be provided by the Library.

The next book sales will be May 7 and June 4.

Masks will be required. Also, appointments need to be made with the librarian either in person or by phone. The phone number of the library is 375.3450.

There will be selections of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, teen books, graphic novels and DVDs.

The library is located at 123 E 3rd St, Warren.

## ALUMNI BANQUET

The Jackson Center High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the McNatt Church.

The classes of 1952 and 1962 will be honored.

Officers for the next term will be announced.

Anyone who attended Jackson is welcome to attend by making a reservation by April 9th.

Widows and widowers of graduates are also welcome to continue attending.

For reservations call Connie Herr at 260.375.2624 or 260.228.1484 by April 9th.

If you have news to share, we are on Facebook at Jackson Jaguars Warren, IN.

## STEPPING UP SAFETY

The Huntington County Sheriff's Department and Warren Police Department will be out in full force this spring to ensure that students remain safe when traveling to and from school. Over the next couple of weeks, officers will be positioned along bus routes and in school zones where they will be on high alert for stop-arm violations,

speeding and other forms of reckless driving.

The overtime patrols are part of the state's Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) program and funded with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Every time you see a bus, slow down, be ready to stop and watch for children," said Sheriff Chris Newton. "If the overhead lights flash red and the stop arm extends, you are required by law to stop. Under no circumstances, should you speed up in an attempt to beat the bus. That's beyond reckless and puts every child boarding or exiting the bus in danger."

The department joins more than 200 police agencies for the spring enforcement campaign, as part of an ongoing effort to prevent reckless driving in school zones and around buses. Last year alone, more than 2,700 drivers were cited for stop-arm violations by Indiana law enforcement, according to ICJI.

To address this, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols in the morning and afternoon hours along routes identified in cooperation with local bus drivers and school transportation officials.

"School buses have several highly visible indicators to let drivers know when to stop," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "The only way you're going to miss those—the activated stop arm and flashing lights—is if you're on your phone or not paying attention to the road. That choice can be deadly."

As part of the campaign, the department is urging motorists to slow down, pay attention to the road and to never pass a bus that has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended. This applies to all road with one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.

It's also important when approaching a school bus to be prepared to stop. Plan ahead and factor in extra time during each commute for school bus stops.

"You'll never regret playing it safe, but you will regret driving past a stopped bus and injuring someone's child," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "These are people who have their whole lives ahead of them. No hurry is worth the possibility of robbing someone of their future or a family of their child."

Disregarding a school bus stop arm is a Class A Infraction and a serious offense. Violators could pay a fine of up to \$10,000, have their license suspended for up to 90 days (for the first offense) or up to 1 year (for the second).

To learn more about the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, please visit the department Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/TheHuntingtonCountySheriffsDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/TheHuntingtonCountySheriffsDepartment)

## DNR HIRING

The Indiana DNR Division of Law Enforcement is looking for highly motivated, outdoor-centered individuals to fill Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) positions across the state.

Anyone interested should first read "Become a Conservation Officer" at [on.IN.gov/dnrlaw](https://on.IN.gov/dnrlaw) and complete the pre-screening test under the "Apply" link. Successful completion of the pre-screening test by midnight June 3 is required to receive an application for the hiring process.

To be qualified to pass the pre-screening test, you must be a United States citizen and be 21 years old by Oct. 28. You also must be able to pass minimum Indiana Law Enforcement Academy physical fitness requirements as listed at [IN.gov/ilea/physical-fitness-standards](https://IN.gov/ilea/physical-fitness-standards).

Conservation officers comprise Indiana's oldest state law enforcement agency. ICOs are fully recognized Indiana police officers who enforce and uphold all DNR rules and regulations as well as all other Indiana state laws. ICOs spend most of their time on the job enforcing fishing and hunting regulations, conducting marine boat patrol on Indiana's waterways, and patrolling DNR properties to keep them safe and family friendly.

In addition to traditional law enforcement work, ICOs also engage in specialty areas, including scuba, K-9, search and rescue, swift water rescue, and many more.

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I don't know about you guys but I hope Mother Nature makes up her mind what kinda weather we are gonna have. I really believe that March came in like a lamb, so that means it goes out like a lion and it sure has. I believe old man winter is tagging along with the lion.

I can remember back in grade school, we used to make lions and lambs out of old wallpaper, then when we were done we would hang them up in the classroom for decorations. Boy that was many moons ago, but still remember it like yesterday.

On a good note I did see a lot of daffodils up, which made me happy. I love the springtime flowers, which tulips are my favorite. All different colors of them. Of course I really do like crocus and hyacinths too.

Kylynn's 4-H club was selling geraniums again this year, so I decided to buy a flat of them. I do every year, and every year I mix up the colors. One year I'll do all red or red and white, then one year I'll get all pink or pink and white, but this year I kinda got a mix of all, something different. I really need to get more perennials in my flower beds. Instead of annuals, it would save me a lot of money and you all know me, I have the brownest thumb in Warren. I can't grow or keep flowers going very well, but when it comes to weeds trust me I got this. I can grow any weed you want and not even come close to killing it off. Lol.

I got some seeds started indoors for my new raised garden. It's not very big so I'm sure I will have plenty of plants (if I can keep them alive) to put in there. I started some Roma tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, beef steak tomatoes, brussel sprouts, and mixed sweet peppers. So we will see what happens. Last year I was just gonna plant some annuals in there, but didn't get around to it but in the fall I planted a mum on the front corner of the bed, and evidently there must have been a groundhog hanging around cause he ate every one of those flowers right off the plant. So this year I will probably have to put a fence or something around it to secure it like Fort Knox so they will stay out of it. Then I have those squirrels to contend with too. They tend to bury their nuts in my flower pots on my front porch so then they kick out all the dirt all over the porch. Been thinking about putting mouse traps in my pots maybe that will keep them away. They are very destructive, but fun to watch.

Just a reminder for those who have items at the Woodlawn Cemetery, we will be having a clean up on April 2, so please make sure you get all the items you intend to keep over, taken from the cemetery, otherwise it will be disposed of.

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<p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b>                          8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier                          John McCullough, Pastor                          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>                          8294S 900W 35                          Harold Smith, Pastor                          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b>                          Steve Nevius, Pastor                          Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.                          Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>                          Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199</p> <p>Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.                          Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp                          Handicap Accessible                          Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b>  <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b>                          Pastor Wayne Couch                          260/515-2517</p> <p>Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                          Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.                          Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.                          Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b>                          8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779                          Matt Kennedy, Pastor                          Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b>                          101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726                          Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor                          Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b>                          SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto                          Steve Sutton, Pastor                          765/728-2065 for more info                          Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.                          Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b>                          Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz &amp; John Moyer                          Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.                          OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT                          Monday thru Friday                          Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                          727 N Wayne St, Warren                          260-375-2811                          office@warrenfirsbaptist.net                          Pator Rusty Strickler                          Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild                          Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.                          Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.                          Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30                          Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                          375-2510                          Pastor Steven Spencer                          Bus Service 375-2510                          www.warrennaz.org</p> <p>Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST</b>                          485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN                          375-3873                          Paul Burris, Pastor                          Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.                          Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b>                          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 &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                          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</p> <p>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</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                          Pastor Diane Samuels                          Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b>                          375-4359                          Bill VanHaften, Pastor                          Lois Slusher, Supt.                          Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; Family Dir.                          Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.                          Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.                          Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST</b>                          260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124                          Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"                          Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.                          Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.                          Everyone is Welcome</p> <p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b>                          468-2412                          Mel Zumbrun, Pastor                          Worship .....9:30 a.m.                          Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>                          375-2102                          www.warrenucc.net                          Troy Drayer, Senior 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</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                          765/934-3321 Parsonage                          Jeff Slater, Pastor                          Jim Knight, Superintendent                          Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                          Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.                          Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.                          Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.                          Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.</p> <p><b>VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                          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.vanburenumc.org</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>                          375-3022                          Mickey Strong, Senior Minister                          Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister                          Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.                          Tara Bower - Secretary                          www.warrenchurchofchrist.org                          Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.                          Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.                          Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.                          Youth:                          K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm                          Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH</b>                          6th &amp; 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.</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>                          11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN                          765-934-3609                          Pastor Al Soultz                          Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am                          Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am                          Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm                          Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm</p>
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## AREA NEWS

### TIPS FROM THE ROAD

by Bill Gallivan

An introduction:

I never had an ounce of intention to spend over 50 years driving, and I am still doing it at 75 years old and log over 3.5 million miles behind a steering wheel while traveling all over this great USA, and Canada, and doing that for a living. It just happened.

I have seen and been through some strange and dangerous situations over the years. I thank God for being in control.

I have seen many changes in drivers, equipment, conditions and how people travel all over this country. Today, some of these changes have made driving any kind of vehicle at the top of the most dangerous things to do. It doesn't matter if you are just going to the local store or making a long trip somewhere. Your life, and others, are at stake today and it can all change within seconds.

Through these segments, if I can help one driver, or passenger, stay out of harm's way, make them stay away from situations that are taken for granted, I will have accomplished what I am setting out to do.

Our education system is failing. Courses from the 50's and 60's are no longer available in our schools. Many basic courses are now history. Driver's education is one of many. Common sense has also diminished over the years. (That is an understatement). I made an attempt to go to our local school system to see if I could become involved in teaching some kind of class for our up-and-coming new drivers today. I was informed by the state of Indiana and the schools that I am 'not qualified to do that'.

This is the next best way I know how to try and make an impact when you get out on our asphalt jungles, today.

The life you save, may be yours...or mine.

### TIPS FROM THE ROAD

by Bill Gallivan

My driver's-ed teacher mentioned the word 'defense' in every class. As a young new driver, it had little impact on my thinking process about being behind the wheel.

Over the miles and years, 'defense' is more important today than it has ever been. In truth, it is essential today and becoming more so every single day. "Driving ahead of yourself." Paying attention to your surroundings behind the wheel, all of the time, may save your life, someday.

You may believe you are bulletproof and the best driver out there. Well, don't expect those around you to be like you. Expect one of them to do something dumb and stupid because most likely, one of them will do just that and you do not want to become involved in their mistake.

Stay away from a potential disaster the best you can. Tailgating accidents and massive pile ups are mostly avoidable. Someone did

something wrong. They were doing something else and not paying attention. Too fast for conditions, situations, and circumstances.

Distracted driving can get you into a great deal of trouble in a second. Don't play the 'brake game' if someone is pushing you along the highway. You may try to get them away from you by tapping your brakes, a very bad idea, anytime. Slow down and hope they will pass you. You won't make them drive the way you want them to or safer. You have enough going on driving yourself. Use common sense.

Keep your distance from those in front of you. This is one of the most difficult things to do on interstates. Someone always wants to sneak in front of you and get off right away or for whatever reason that safe area between you and the ones in front of you seems to never be enough. Don't be part of the problem. Don't play tough driver out there and think you will teach them a lesson by doing something just as stupid. At

70 mph plus, a lot of terrible things can happen before you blink your eyes and ruin the rest of your day...or life.

If you get in that big of hurry, you should have left sooner and so should have them, but you are not them.

The internet is a great source of seeing videos of accidents like this. Watch them. They will shock you how quickly these happen.

You can avoid becoming a victim and a casualty but you have to be defensive all of the time while driving. It's your job behind the wheel.

To be continued:

### ATTEND PROVINCE

Alpha Province held their annual meeting March 18-20 in Bluffton IN at Timber Ridge Golf Club. Epsilon Zeta Chapter of Bluffton was Hostess for the weekend.

The theme was "Sisters Through The Seasons". Alpha Province consists of 9 Chapters from Bluffton, Dunkirk, Hartford City, Huntington, Lafayette, Marion, Peru, Wabash and Warren. Irene Waters Worley, Edith Bocock, Phyllis Langstaff Royce, Ferne Palmer Shick and Violet Pettit Tindall are designated as Life Founders and founded

the Sorority in Hartford City IN in 1920.

Friday night was a fashion show at the Bluffton Library with local businesses showing off some of their wares, a few refreshments were served. It was fun finally getting to meet since we have not held a Province for 2 years. Carol Irick, Tara Korporal and Beth Ostermeyer from Beta Delta Chapter attending the Friday night fashion show.

Saturday started with a Zeta Memorial Service being held, honoring our members that have passed. Beta Delta Chapter presented this service. Then we went to our meeting with 65 members in attendance. There was a break and then we had supper that evening. A great meal was served. They went along with the theme as "Personal Seasons" Aging, Career, Education, Medical Emergencies, Menopause, Motherhood, Pregnancy/Infants, Sorority Life, Wedding/Anniversary. They had us answer some questions, it was fun listening to the answers.

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Apr 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Apr 6	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Apr 12	6:30p	W - SSF Committee Meeting @ KBC
Apr 15		GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 17		EASTER
Apr 18	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Apr 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Apr 20	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Apr 22		EARTH DAY

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 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)

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Members from Beta Delta Chapter attending were Claudia Boxell, Victoria Thompson, Shelly Melchi, Jenny VerBryck, Beth Ostermeyer, Dawn Fowler, Tara Korporal, Pam Rudy and Carol Irick.

Sunday morning a meeting started the day with 60 members present. Chapters reported on their projects throughout the year. Alpha Province donated a total of 5384.5 service hours and 4170 service miles and a total of \$17,591.89 dollars in 2021 to service projects in their communities. Beth Beckham, International Vice President was our Visiting International Officer this year, she is from Florida.

Province Officers were voted for the new year: President: Lisa Collins from Epsilon Chapter, Marion IN.

Organizer: Karen Stafford from Alpha Chapter, Hartford City IN, Editor: Misty Clugh from Alpha Delta Chapter, Lafayette IN. Secretary: Pam McIntyre from Epsilon Chapter, Marion IN and Counselor: Judy Maxwell from Epsilon Zeta Chapter, Bluffton IN. After the meeting a wonderful lunch was served. The luncheon ended with us doing our Candle Lighting Service.

Members from Beta Delta Chapter attending Sunday were Pam Rudy, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Dawn Fowler

and Beth Ostermeyer. Beta Delta Chapter will be Hostess for next year's Province.

## THE FLIGHT FROM PHOENIX TO HOME

by Larry Ryan

The dreaded date of February 29, 2022 had arrived. It was time to leave the comfortable rental home in Sun Lakes, AZ. The home owners wanted to reclaim their property. This two bedroom stucco home in the southernmost area of Phoenix had an additional, built-on room for extra space to explore. A special surprise for us was the presence of two bountiful fruit trees that were ready for picking when we first arrived on December 4th. The all-pebbled backyard contained an orange and a lemon tree. This surprise was enjoyed every day! The lower limbs were bare by the time we left the property. Scurvy was avoided.

We had purchased our flight tickets the previous May and arrived in Phoenix according to schedule out of Fort Wayne. However, the return flight time had changed. On the evening before returning, my wife's granddaughter decided to check on the flight and discovered that the 9:20 am flight departure for that Saturday was nonexistent! What? We were going to be stranded

near Indian Territory without a roof over our heads? With persistence, she learned that we had automatically been rescheduled on a 7:05 am departure. That meant a shorter night of sleep. We were lucky that she checked or we might still be MIA.

Back seats, 35 A & B accommodated us for the 3.5 hour flight to Chicago O'HARE Airport. The young male in seat C next to my wife was foreign so there was minimum conversation. As soon as the pilot lifted off the tarmac and headed northeast, the snow-capped Superstition Mountains were visible. It had been cold enough for snow to land there two days previously. As the huge airplane passed over the Rocky Mountains, the ground was a mixture of white, green, and dark mountain valleys.

The jet traveled high over Albuquerque, north of both Amarillo and Oklahoma City before crossing Wichita.

Over Kansas, the terrain displayed geometrically-designed fields of whiteness and darkness. The snow-covered ground became more pronounced as the

## 5 FUN WAYS TO KEEP KIDS BUSY AFTER SCHOOL

(StatePoint) While television and video games are classic after school staples, there are better, more fun ways to keep kids busy in the afternoons. Here are five fun ideas to try:

1. Bike rides: Cycling is beneficial to strength, cardiovascular health and mental wellness. It's also a great opportunity for kids to gain a bit of independence and explore the world around them, and there is no better season than spring to encourage them to get off the couch and out for a ride.

2. Music making: Kids don't need to be enrolled in a formal music program at school to experience the joys of making music. With a portable keyboard like those in the Casiotone series, which offer learning and composition tools that grow with a musician's skills, kids can use their afternoons to self-direct their musical education. Every model is under 10 pounds and features a battery-powered option, making them the perfect size and design for teens and tweens who want to start a band.

3. Giving back: Children are never too young to learn the importance of giving back to their community. From offering a helping hand at an animal sanctuary to visiting seniors residing in an assisted living facility, there are many volunteer opportunities perfect for kids.

4. Math fun: Outside the classroom, mathematics can be all fun and zero pressure. Be sure to offer kids tools that will allow them to uncover, on their own terms, the way mathematical concepts work. The basic, scientific and graphing calculators available from Casio are all intuitive and easy to use. Some of the advanced models even offer Python programming, a great feature for budding coders.

5. Dinnertime: Knowing how to put together a meal is an invaluable life skill, and one

that many kids leave home without having achieved. Have your child regularly help you out with dinner, giving them age-appropriate tasks to complete. It's not only a great way to spend some quality time together during the busy week, but they will also begin to pick up the fundamentals of cooking.

With a little creativity, your child's afternoons can be a time for them to get active, build new skills and try new hobbies.

## FUN EASTER BASKET

### ALTERNATIVES TO CANDY

(StatePoint) Looking to fill your child's Easter basket with something a bit different this year? Unlike candy, these fun and engaging gift ideas will last well beyond the holiday:

\* Expand their library: Grow your child's library with books that expand their horizons. For example, "100 Words About Places I Go," is an interactive learning book featuring words in English and Spanish. Ten touch-sensitive locations on each page teach about words, colors and counting in the context of 12 unique places, like the beach, the farm, the amusement park and more. Another title to consider is the "100 Animals Book," which introduces children to animals from the desert,

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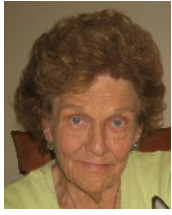
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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### HOUGHTON

Jean Parker Houghton, 102 years old, died March 18, 2022, at Heritage Pointe of Warren, Indiana, where she had been a resident for 13 years.



She was born on October 11, 1919, in a farm house in Madison County, Indiana, to John Allen Parker and Lillian Vernon Catren Parker, members of a Quaker community near Pendleton, Indiana.

While she was still an infant, her parents sold the farm and bought a house in Pendleton, where her father took a job with the newly built Indiana Reformatory and her mother helped feed the family with produce from a large garden. She attended public schools in Pendleton and became the first of her family to attend college, graduating from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in sociology. It was there that she met her future husband, William H. Houghton. They married in March, 1942, in San Antonio Texas, where her husband was stationed in the U. S. Army Air Force. After the War, they moved to Huntington, Ind., where they shared a home with her parents-in-law, Howard and Mary Houghton.

In addition to raising three children, she worked for the family business, Lehman Electric and Plumbing and later for her daughter at Village Animal Hospital. She also was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Study Club, Sorosis, Tri-Kappa, Bridge Club, and she volunteered for the local Republican Party.

She and her husband spent their early retirement years in the St. Petersburg, Florida area, volunteering at All Children's Hospital, before returning to Huntington County in 2009.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Houghton, Sr., in 2013; her eldest son, Bill Houghton Jr., in 2018; a brother, William

(Bud) Allen Parker; and a sister, Louise Parker Jarrett. Survivors include her daughter, Janet Houghton (Ted) Bendall of Warren; a son Howard Parker Houghton of Santa Fe, N.M.; a granddaughter, Amy Houghton Warren, of Ft. Wayne, IN, and two great-grandsons.

Glancy Funeral Home in Warren handled private funeral arrangements for Jean and her husband. Friends are invited to attend a celebration of the lives of Jean and Bill Houghton to be held June 3, 11:30 AM, location will be announced as date approaches.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

### BARLOW

Jeff W. Barlow, 54, of rural Markle, IN, passed away at 4:44 PM on Monday, March 21, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, IN.



He was born on Friday, October 13, 1967, in West Grove, PA to William Gilbert & Bette F. (Frohock) Barlow. Jeff was a 1985 graduate of Newark High School in Delaware. He formerly worked at First Fleet, Dunham's Sports and most recently at Mobile Mini in New Haven. Jeff had been a truck driver for the past 30 years. He enjoyed living out on the farm and taking care of his goats. He would frequently sit on the front porch with a cup of coffee in hand, watching for deer to walk by. Jeff had a passion for photography and was very talented behind the lens. In his free time, he enjoyed camping, spending time with his Australian Shepherd, Wednesday, and his children, Grace & Jack.

Loving survivors include his mother Bette F. (James C.) Shoustal, rural Markle, IN, Daughter Grace Barlow, son Jackson Barlow, former spouse Karen Barlow, sister Anne (Todd Gore) Landrum,

all of Markle, IN, nephews Matthew Landrum, Florida and Nick Landrum, Adams County, IN. He was preceded in death by his father William Gilbert Barlow.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N. Matilda St. Warren on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made for the future education of Jeff's children, Grace & Jackson Barlow, c/o Grace Barlow.

### LYONS

Shirley Edith Lyons, 81, North Manchester, passed away at 1:19 am on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

She was born in Marion, Indiana, on Saturday, September 14, 1940, to Tracy and Edith (Coffelt) Wampner. On December 5, 1959, she married Bruce Lyons and he preceded her in death.

Shirley graduated from Van Buren High School.

Although Shirley was a homemaker and considered a homebody, she was a babysitter for several families. However, Shirley was actively involved in other areas outside the home. She was her children's biggest cheerleader and attended most, if not all, of their sporting events. She was also both a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and a softball coach. She took care of her family in so many ways and put her hand to canning and gardening to financially help their family of six.

Survivors include her two sons, Greg (late wife, Stephanie) Lyons of Gas City, and Ricky (Malisa) Lyons of Marion; two daughters, Peggy Lyons of Raleigh, NC, and Angela (David) Glass of Silver Lake; three grandsons, Derek (Karla) Lyons of Hartford City, Preston Robinson of Raleigh, NC, and Jordan Welch of MO; five granddaughters, Courtney (Bryan) Clem of Jonesboro,

Jessica (Darin) Fridley of Fort Benning, GA, Alexa (Kolt Derry) Glass of Silver Lake, Abigail Glass of Silver Lake, and Kayla Welch of Gas City; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Delbert (Betty) Wampner of WI; two sisters, Virginia (Ron) Estes and Lois (Tom) Kilgore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bruce Lyons; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, Herman Craig, Willis Wampner, Elwood Wampner, and Harvey Wampner; four sisters, Arretta Powell, Bertha Booth, Betty Turner, and Ellowaine Miller.

The family will receive visitors from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Needham-Storey-Wampner - Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main Street, Gas City, IN.

A Funeral Service to celebrate Shirley's life will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Needham-Storey-Wampner - Storey Chapel. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating with burial following at Grant Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County Tower Suites 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

### PINKERTON

Ron "Pinky" Pinkerton, 79, of Daytona Beach, FL, with ties to Warren, IN, died on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House in Palm Beach, FL.

Mr. Pinkerton graduated from Jefferson High School in 1961. He worked for GE, and later owned and operated Pinky's Refrigeration.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1943, to Albert and Louise Thompson Pinkerton.

Survivors include a son, Andrew Pinkerton of Warren; a brother, Jim Pinkerton, of Warren; a sister Connie (Larry) Bowers, of Huntington; and a grandson Justin Pinkerton.

Arrangements are pending.

### COOK

Nancy E. Cook, 82, of Warren, formerly of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022.



Nancy was born on March 27, 1940, in Huntington Indiana, to Leon and Corda (Moon) Welsh. Nancy was a member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church. She graduated from Van Buren High School in 1958 and from Taylor University in 1975 before continuing for her master's from Ball State University. She worked for Eastbrook Schools for 29 years and retired in 2000. Nancy was a member of the Grant County Retired Teachers Association. Nancy enjoyed participating and attending the Mississinewa 1812 Reenactments alongside her husband. She was an active member of her church and held many positions over the years.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Leon and Corda Welsh, husband, Bernard W. Cook, son, John W. Cook, and sister, Loretta Shildmyer.

Loving survivors include her children, Deborah (Keith) Spaulding of Fairmount, IN, Kelly Herring of Fort Wayne, IN, and Matthew (Colleen) Cook of Fishers, IN, grandchildren, Amanda (Dave) Russell, Kristi DeRossett, Jessica (Logan) Skorusa, Bernard W. Cook II, Mackenzie (Zach) McClain, Samuel Cook and Adam Cook, great grandchildren Sofie, Delilah, Vada and Annabeth, and sister, Laura (Glenn) Graham of Rochester, PA.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Van Buren United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at 105 S. 2nd St. Van Buren, IN 46991, on Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 4PM to 8PM and again on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 10AM to 11AM. A funeral service will be held at the

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Van Buren UMC Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 11AM with Pastor Brad Hensley officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: "Discover The Outdoors" Indiana Natural Resources Foundation, 402 West Washington St. W256 Indianapolis, IN 46204 or by visiting [www.indiananrf.org](http://www.indiananrf.org). The Discover the Outdoors Field Trip Grant program, offered in partnership with Indiana State Parks, encourages public, private, parochial and home school educators to engage students on field trips to an Indiana state park or reservoir.

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savanna, rainforest and more through illustrations, photographs and fun facts that promote early science awareness. Finally, the "Learning Friends 100 Words Book" introduces little learners to words about food, nature, opposites and more.

\* Make crafting happen: Kids' crafting kits can boost creativity and spur your child's artistic side. And there are many options that are perfect for celebrating the spring season, from gardening kits to bird feeder painting kits to terrariums.

\* Create learning fun: With no web connection, downloads or account setup required, kids can get right to the fun with LeapLand Adventures, a unique plug-and-play TV video game adventure for early learners from LeapFrog. With 15 replayable levels introducing curriculum-based content and important foundational skills, preschoolers will enjoy going on a quest across LeapLand to learn about letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

\* "Adopt" an animal: You can introduce children to an important cause in a way they can understand through a "symbolic adoption" from

the World Wildlife Fund. Adoption kits, which support efforts to protect animals in the wild, come with a plush toy, a photograph, an adoption certificate, and a species card containing fascinating facts about the animal and its habitat.

This year, think beyond the typical Easter basket selections and opt for memorable gifts that enrich the mind and connect kids to the world around them.

### STEP BY STEP: 6 TIPS FOR PREVENTING FALLS

(StatePoint) Few things are more important to older adults than their independence -- being able to do what they'd like when they'd like. But independence can be fleeting. Something unexpected, like a fall, can change everything. That's why it's important for older adults and their loved ones to take steps now to reduce the risk of a fall from happening.

Three million older people are treated in emergency rooms each year because of injuries caused by falls, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This includes broken bones and head injuries that can rob individuals of their freedom. Even having a fear of falling can restrict individuals from enjoying their life to the fullest.

Thankfully, many falls can be prevented with a little forethought and advance planning, according to Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief medical officer for Medicare, with Cigna, one of the nation's largest insurers, which serves hundreds of thousands of older adults through its Medicare plans. Dr. Sobel recommends older adults take the following precautions to prevent falls and increase their peace of mind.

\* Get an annual eye exam. More than 12 million Americans aged 40 years and older experience vision impairment, putting them at

greater risk of falling. It's important for them to get an annual eye exam and make sure that they wear their glasses as instructed. Many Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, such as those offered through Cigna, provide some vision coverage at no extra cost.

\* Review medications. People tend to take more medications as they age. Some of these medications, or a combination of medications, can cause dizziness or confusion, resulting in falls. Seniors should talk to their doctor or pharmacist about the medicines they are taking, including over-the-counter medications, regarding any interactions or unwanted side effects.

\* Do strength and balance exercises. Regular exercise strengthens muscles and improves balance and flexibility, helping reduce the chance of falls. Many MA plans include a fitness benefit at no extra cost. The benefit may include kits, bands and videos that can be used at home to help limit exposure to COVID-19, while achieving the benefits of exercise. Patients should always talk to their doctor about what exercises are right for them.

\* Limit alcohol consumption. Even a small amount of alcohol can affect a person's balance and reflexes, leading to a fall. According to the National Institute on Aging, alcohol is a factor in 60% of falls in older Americans. For those individuals who may need it, Medicare covers alcohol abuse screening, counseling and treatment. Please be sure to discuss these types of issues with your doctor.

\* Ensure a safe home. Seniors can benefit from having grab bars installed inside and outside the bathtub tub or shower and next to the toilet, as well as having railings installed on both sides of stairs. Also, potential tripping hazards, such as floor mats, area rugs or extension cords, should be

removed or taped down, both inside and outside the home.

\* Be careful with face masks. Wearing a face mask is a reality of the times, even after a COVID-19 vaccination, but face masks can restrict peripheral vision. When wearing a face mask, make sure it is snug covering both your nose and mouth, and take slow and measured steps. Those who wear glasses should wash the lenses with soap and water (if permitted by the manufacturer), shake off the excess liquid and allow them to air dry. This can help provide a fog barrier.

"Today, many older adults take good care of themselves and feel younger than they are," Sobel said. "They are rightfully proud and don't want to make concessions for their age. But a fall can happen to the best of us. So, it's better to be safe than sorry."

The information contained in this article is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health care provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition or treatment and before undertaking a new health care regimen.

### 5 WAYS TO GET KIDS EXCITED ABOUT STEM LEARNING

(StatePoint) The events of the past couple of years have shown how important scientists are to making the world a better and safer place.

According to an independent research study, 91% of people believe that scientists are critical for our future well-being, and 89% say that science brings hope for the future. Here are five ways to get kids, the next generation of scientists, excited about STEM.

1. Widen access. All kids should have access to STEM education opportunities, at school and outside of the classroom, whether it's through an after-school program, science camp, competition, or at home. Fortunately, online learning tools have made it possible for more children to access such programs. Today, there is a wide variety of free resources available to families and students looking to expand STEM learning outside of the classroom.

Websites like [youngscientistlab.com](http://youngscientistlab.com) and [3M.com/ScienceAtHome](http://3M.com/ScienceAtHome) feature fun and engaging projects for grades K-8, along with tools for parents and teachers to guide kids

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through the experiments.

2. Connect science to something your child already loves. We often think of science in a silo, but the application of science is all around us. Connecting science to something your child already loves can help broaden their conception of what a future in STEM could entail. For example, kids who play sports may be interested in exercise science or sports medicine. Kids who love building toys may find engineering an exciting career path. Introducing kids to science kits, experiments, and other hands-on activities can help fast-track learning, make the subject more fun and engaging, and demonstrate firsthand how science fits into the activities and interests they already love.

3. Promote gender equity in STEM education. Gender should never affect a child's goal to pursue STEM. Yet, young girls often feel limited in their ability to excel in STEM-related activities due to the gender gap in the sciences and a lack of relatable representation. We can help shift antiquated thinking that science is not for girls by instilling confidence in them to challenge these stereotypes and by exposing them to the valuable work of women inventors, doctors, mathematicians, and scientists, so they can start to see themselves in these positions. Sign them up for extracurriculars like math team and coding camp, visit math and science museums together, and talk about the

contributions of and need for girls and women to solve real-world challenges.

4. Diversify STEM. Science is not tied to one gender, race, ethnicity, or nationality. Young kids in minority groups need to understand that they can be involved in STEM careers so that our future workforces reflect our diverse societies.

Shaking up the way we approach science and technology could be one way to help do this. Without a real-world connection, it's too easy for kids to feel lost or like "this" is not for them. If we expose kids to different career landscapes in ways they can connect to, they can better understand the importance of learning these subjects, build self-awareness around their unique attributes, and open them up to envision themselves in future STEM careers.

5. Bring science to life. Hands-on projects help bring science to life. Look for science competitions and programs that allow young minds to explore and develop real-world experience. For example, the 3M Young Scientist Challenge, a national science competition for students in grades 5 through 8 created with Discovery Education, asks students to identify a problem and come up with a unique innovation to solve it. It can be something they're already passionate or curious about. The best part is anyone can get involved; all you need is an idea to get started.

Last year's winner, 13-year-old Sarah Park, started with

the idea to create a treatment to help people with mental health disorders. During the competition and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work with a 3M scientist, she went from idea to prototype developing a new solution called Spark Care+, a personalized music therapy treatment that uses artificial intelligence, galvanic skin response, and photoplethysmography.

Bring learning into the real world of innovating by actively presenting STEM learning opportunities to your budding scientist. Learn more about this year's competition, the chance to win \$25,000, and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" at [youngscientistlab.com](http://youngscientistlab.com).

As we confront 21st century challenges like climate change and community health crises, scientists, engineers, and doctors will be the heroes on the frontlines. For a brighter future for everybody, give your child the resources and encouragement needed to pursue STEM.

### SUPPORTING U.S. TROOPS IN EASTERN EUROPE

(StatePoint) As U.S. troops support NATO allies in Eastern Europe amid the crisis in Ukraine, efforts are being made to boost morale and connect service members to friends and family back home.

Sudden deployments like these are incredibly challenging for military families. One moment, a family is making plans for the weekend and deciding who will pick up groceries on the way home – and the next, a service

member is packing their bags in a rush, canceling that vacation they had planned and saying goodbye to their spouse, children and friends. Suddenly, life goes from everyday normalcy to life on the frontlines.

"This is something they train for. Soldiers do layout after layout preparing to grab their bags and go at a moment's notice," said the spouse of a soldier at Fort Bragg.

However, no matter how much a spouse mentally prepares, nothing can explain the way it feels to watch them walk out the door. According to the Blue Star Families 2020 Military Lifestyle Survey, deployment and time spent away from family were two of the top five issues facing active duty, Reserve and National Guard families today. To support troops and military families, USO staff and volunteers in the United States and Europe are working around the clock to deliver helpful resources. These efforts include:

- \* Providing Wi-Fi and call centers to keep service members connected to family back home. This is particularly important for the thousands of troops in Eastern Europe who otherwise have no access to cell phones and laptops.

- \* Distributing care packages, to ensure service members feel valued and supported. Packages include hygiene kits with essential toiletries, and snack packs with foods that remind them of home.

- \* Sending USO2GO and portable boxed programs to military units on the move, which include snacks, toiletries, games and sports equipment to keep troops entertained while

giving them much-needed opportunities for relaxation.

- \* Providing hot meals to deployed service members, as well as their families at home.

- \* Offering a place to relax at USO locations throughout Europe, including a newly opened center in Poland and unstaffed centers in Eastern Europe.

- \* Delivering thousands of blankets, beanies and hand warmers to those operating in extremely cold environments.

- \* Supporting military families on the home front with community-building activities, opportunities to communicate with deployed loved ones, and other essential resources.

Although deployment can be stressful, efforts like these can help alleviate the tension. According to USO research, 94% of surveyed service members reported that USO Programs ease their stress during deployment, and 96% feel more connected to loved ones during absence through the use of USO programs.

To learn more and discover ways to give back to military members and families, visit [uso.org/uso-stands-ready-to-support](http://uso.org/uso-stands-ready-to-support).

"Although deployments are part of the journey for our service members and their families, the separation and uncertainty are among the most difficult aspects of life in the military," said USO chief operating officer, Alan Reyes. "That's why the USO always stands beside both service members and their families to strengthen and support them, especially during these short-fuse deployments."

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We will be doing a lot of foundation work coming in the next few weeks that didn't get done last fall and new ones for this spring. We hope that it is a lot dryer than this past fall. Also some work in the yards that need to be done. With the wet weather no matter what we did, we made a mess out of the yard areas. So plenty of work to keep us busy.

Well the boss just walked in and I don't have supper ready so I better close for this week. Y'all have a great week and hopefully more sunshine in the coming days.

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