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Thought for the Week: One can always be kind to people about whom one cares nothing. Oscar Wilde

### LIVE NATIVITY

Church of the Vine in Van Buren is looking for anyone interested in participating in a Live Nativity December 1 & 2, during Little Town of Christmas. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Sesxton at 765-619-0461 for details.

### HOUSE DECORATING

#### CONTEST

Don't forget to Vote for your favorite decorated house within the Van Buren town limits. Voting will be held December 1 & 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Town Hall. Votes are 1 cent each. Money collected will be given to the fund to buy Christmas for Van Buren families.

### LITTLE TOWN OF CHRISTMAS

Schedule of Events for Little Town of Christmas, being held in Van Buren on December 1 & 2 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

5:30 - 7:30 pm Meal at Lions Club Free Will Donations to benefit Christmas for Van Buren families. Friday will be Hotdogs/Chips, Saturday Chili

6:00 Santa arrives at Live Nativity (across from the Library)

6:00 - 8:00 Follow luminaries to attractions:

Live Nativity - across from Library;

Live Music at Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall. Friday: 6:15-6:45 A Few Good Men; 7:25-7:45 Cumberland Gap

Saturday: 6:15-6:45 Eastbrook HS Band; 7:15-7:45 Eastbrook North Carol-ettes; 8:00 Community Caroling;

8:30 Contest Winners Announced

Library: Pictures with Santa and Christmas Stories

SwitchUp: Popcorn Craft and \$3 Frozen Hot Chocolate

Town Hall: Horse Carriage Rides; Christmas Houses Decorating Contest (1¢ vote)

Central Christian Church: Snowball fight inside

Masonic Hall: Christmas Tree Decorating contest (1¢ vote)

Mama Duck's: Children's Craft and Shopping

Eastbrook North: PTO Book Fair

American Legion: Fri-Free Movie "Polar Express"

### PULSE OPERA HOUSE

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever will be portrayed at the Pulse Opera House on December 1, 2 & 3. Friday show at 8:00 p.m., Saturday shows at 4:00 & 8:00 p.m. and Sunday Show at 4:00 p.m.

For online reservations [www.pulseoperahouse.org](http://www.pulseoperahouse.org) or 260-375-7017.

For those who may not know, the Pulse Opera House is located at 127 ½ Wayne Street, Warren.

### SCAM ALERT

This scam alert was received from Amazon.com.

"During this time of year, we often see a surge in impersonation scams. Stay safe by learning to identify and avoid them.

In impersonation scams, a scammer reaches out to you pretending to be someone you trust to get sensitive information like social security numbers, bank information or Amazon account details. Scammers change tactics quickly making them hard to detect.

Scam Trend: Email attachment scams

Scammers send emails posing as Amazon and include pdf attachments stating that your account will be suspended or on hold. These attachments prompt you to click on a fraudulent link to "update your account." These links lure you to provide personal information such as payment information or account login credentials.

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Here are some important tips to identify scams and keep your account and information safe:

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make changes to your account.

2. Be wary of false urgency. Scammers may try to create a sense of urgency to persuade you to do what they're asking. Be wary any time someone tries to convince you that you must act now.

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Look for misspellings or added or substituted characters. Visit the Message Center to view authentic messages from Amazon.

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### DECK THE PARKS

Holiday light displays to shine at six DNR destinations;

Oubache State Park in Bluffton will host its 10th annual Wonderland of Lights nightly, December 1-31, from

6 to 9 p.m. in its campground and throughout the park. The presentation features more than 40 light displays and a synchronized music and light show at the Civilian Conservation Corps fire tower. Cost is \$5 per vehicle, cash or check only.

Mounds State Park in Anderson will host its third Nights of Lights celebration every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Dec. 1-31, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Sixty light displays will be featured in the campground, along with decorated buildings throughout the park. Cost is \$10 per vehicle, cash and credit card accepted.

Lieber State Recreation Area in Cloverdale will host its second Lieber Winter Lights celebration Dec. 1-3 and 8-10 from 6 to 9 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the drive through the light display in the park and campground.

Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell is holding a drive-through holiday lights event in its campground Dec. 1-2 from 6 to 9:45 p.m., the same weekend as its Holiday in the Village. Cost is \$5, cash only, and visitors can vote on the best-decorated site. The winner of the competition gets two nights of free camping at the park in 2024.

Starve Hollow State Recreation Area in Vallonia will host its second Christmas in the Campground on Dec. 9, from 5 to 10 p.m. The event will include a drive-through Christmas display and holiday activities in the Forest Education Center, where guests can also vote for their favorite campsites. A \$5 donation is suggested.

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*Treva's*  
**Recipe Box**  
 by Treva Flemming

Tis the season to be jolly, or should I say in our house it's jacked on sugar. My favorite baking season is upon us and I have quite the list going. Nuts and bolts, ranch crackers, peanut clusters, fudges, cookies of all kinds, and of course, I don't dare forget the rum cakes.

This year instead of rum balls I will be making fire balls, which is the basic rum ball recipe only instead of rum, I'll be using Fireball whiskey. Kinda of curious on how they will turn out. I'm sure they will be good.

I always do lots of chocolate dipped items too, like pretzels and Ritz crackers and peanut butter, potato chips, crushed peppermints in white chocolate just to name a few. I even make reindeer poop, which personally is very tasty if I say so myself, and quite easy to make. So I'll share my reindeer poop recipe with you and I will also share snowman poop while I'm at it. Have a great week

**REINDEER POOP**

One bag of caramel bits, (these can be found in the chocolate chip isle )

3 to 4 squares of chocolate bark, just melted and cool, but still runny.

Melt chocolate in double broiler or in the microwave but do not cook it, melt low and slow. Let set till cooled down, then add the Carmel bits and mix well. Drop by teaspoonful onto wax paper or on a splat let cool completely. You need to work quickly so your caramel bits don't melt, you want them to look like piles of round droppings.

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Supt.<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199<br/>             Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp<br/>             Handicap Accessible<br/>             Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b><br/> <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b><br/>             Pastor Wayne Couch<br/>             260/515-2517<br/>             Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN</b><br/>             888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779<br/>             Matt Kennedy, Pastor<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726<br/>             Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b><br/>             SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto<br/>             Steve Sutton, Pastor<br/>             765/728-2065 for more info<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b><br/>             Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz &amp; John Moyer<br/>             Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT</b><br/>             Monday thru Friday<br/>             Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             727 N Wayne St, Warren<br/>             260-375-2811<br/>             office@warrenfirsbaptist.net<br/>             Pator Rusty Strickler<br/>             Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild<br/>             Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.<br/>             Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30<br/>             Eklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             375-2510<br/>             Pastor Steven Spencer<br/>             Bus Service 375-2510<br/>             www.warrennaz.org<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>             485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN<br/>             375-3873<br/>             John Boyanowski, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b><br/>             3147 W 543 S, Huntington<br/>             765.524.3390<br/>             Pastor Trevor O'Dell, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesdays:<br/>             Bible Study &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             694-6622<br/>             Aaron Westfall, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:15a.m.<br/>             Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.<br/>             Monthly Meetings<br/>             1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am<br/>             4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             Pastor Diane Samuels<br/>             Fellowship Time .....9:00a.m.<br/>             Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b><br/>             375-4359<br/>             Bill VanHaften, Pastor<br/>             Lois Slusher, Supt.<br/>             Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; Family Dir.<br/>             Coffee Fellowship ..... 8:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>             260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124<br/>             Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"<br/>             Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 - 9:45<br/>             Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00<br/>             Everyone is Welcome</p> <p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN</b><br/>             468-2412<br/>             Mel Zumbrun, Pastor<br/>             Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> | <p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>             375-2102<br/>             www.warrenucc.net<br/>             Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.<br/>             Youth Sunday School during<br/>             Worship Service<br/>             Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.<br/>             Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             765/934-3321 Parsonage<br/>             Jeff Slater, Pastor<br/>             Jim Knight, Superintendent<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.<br/>             Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE</b><br/>             765-934-1431<br/>             Pastor Brad Hensley<br/>             vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:30 am<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45am<br/>             Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm<br/>             Prayer Group (Thur) ..... 6:30pm<br/>             Men Serving God Grp 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sat . 9am<br/>             Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am<br/>             Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>             375-3022<br/>             Mickey Strong, Senior Minister<br/>             Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister<br/>             Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.<br/>             Tara Bower - Secretary<br/>             www.warrenchurchofchrist.org<br/>             Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.<br/>             Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.<br/>             Youth:<br/>             K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm<br/>             Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN<br/>             765-934-3609<br/>             Pastor Al Soultz<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am<br/>             Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am<br/>             Sunday Adult Bible Study ..... 6:00 pm<br/>             Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm</p> |
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# AREA NEWS

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Shakamak State Park in Jasonville will have holiday lights Dec. 7-10. The group camp and several other buildings will be decorated. On Dec. 9, from 9 to 11 a.m., the park will host a Breakfast with Santa.

Proceeds from the events go to the individual parks' Friends groups to fund park projects. Learn more about DNR Friends groups at [on.IN.gov/INstateparksfriends](http://on.IN.gov/INstateparksfriends).

For more information about these parks, as well as other activities at DNR properties visit [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov).

**SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS**

Ask Rusty – Can I Voluntarily Suspend My Social Security Payments?

Dear Rusty: My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age, and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month, and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

1. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?

2. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Signed: Having Second Thoughts

Dear Second Thoughts: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended (you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record).

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office (or at the national number 1.800.772.1213) and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount (only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended).

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

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**PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA CAN BE LIFE-THREATENING. HERE'S WHAT TO KNOW**

(StatePoint) Pneumococcal pneumonia can disrupt your life for weeks and, in some cases, be serious or even life-threatening. To help adults understand how they can help protect themselves against pneumococcal pneumonia, the American Lung Association and Pfizer are partnering to share important information and

patient insights about the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that this lung disease causes an estimated 150,000 hospitalizations annually nationwide. Symptoms include high fever, excessive sweating, shaking chills, coughing, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and chest pain. Some symptoms can appear quickly and without warning.

Risk Factors  
The immune system naturally weakens with age, so even if you're healthy and active, being 65 or older puts you at increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia. In fact, adults 65 and older are over 10 times more likely to be hospitalized with pneumococcal pneumonia than those aged 18-49.

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Dec 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Dec 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 11	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Dec 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Dec 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Dec 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 21		FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY

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



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In adults 19 and older, certain factors increase pneumococcal pneumonia risk compared with healthy adults of the same age. These include smoking cigarettes, chronic lung diseases like asthma and COPD, chronic heart disease and diabetes.

**Prevention**

Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination can help protect against the disease and is recommended for at-risk groups. For adults living with certain chronic health conditions and those 65 or older, vaccination helps protect against a potentially life-threatening illness.

“Having asthma can sometimes restrict me from doing things I love, so I really try to take proactive steps to help keep myself healthy, like avoiding my known asthma triggers and following my doctors’ advice,” says Catherine, a patient who was diagnosed with asthma in adulthood. “I didn’t even think I was old enough to get vaccinated for pneumococcal pneumonia, but when my doctor recommended it, I got it because I trust him. I like the comfort of knowing it’s helping to protect me against this potentially serious lung disease.”

In addition to being up to date on your vaccinations, washing your hands, and not smoking are all habits that can help prevent pneumococcal pneumonia. Those with chronic illnesses should also follow the care recommendations for their condition.

**Disparities**

The 2025 Vaccines National Strategic Plan has pneumococcal disease vaccination rate targets of 90% for people 65 years and older and 60% for adults with underlying health conditions at increased risk of disease. Unfortunately, current vaccination rates are falling far short of these goals — especially among Black and Hispanic/Latino-communities. In 2021, pneumococcal vaccination coverage among

all U.S. adults aged 65 and older was 70.1%. However, the rate was around 60% among the Black population and around 52% among the Hispanic/Latino population of the same age group. Latino and Black adults are also at greater risk of developing certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma and diabetes, compared to individuals who are white. It’s important that all adults at risk take steps to help protect themselves against infection.

**What Should You Do?**

If you’re at increased risk for pneumococcal pneumonia, talk to your doctor or pharmacist about vaccination. Being an active part of your healthcare team, advocating for yourself and asking questions is important. Even if you’ve previously had a pneumonia vaccine, your healthcare provider may recommend additional vaccination for increased protection. You can learn more, as well as take a quiz to assess your risk, by visiting [lung.org/pneumococcal](http://lung.org/pneumococcal).

Pneumococcal pneumonia can be serious. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to help prevent this lung disease.

**5 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE IN 2023**

(StatePoint) 2023 was a landmark year for Alzheimer’s disease research, including advancements in treatment, risk factors and diagnosis. Here are five significant discoveries made this year:

There are three new approved treatments for Alzheimer’s, with a fourth on the way.

In July, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted traditional approval for Leqembi for mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer’s and mild Alzheimer’s dementia. This treatment slows cognitive decline and can help people with early Alzheimer’s maintain their independence.

In June 2021, the FDA granted accelerated approval to Aduhelm for the same purpose. At the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference (AAIC) in July 2023, Lilly reported positive results for a third similar treatment: donanemab. The company expects FDA action in early 2024.

In May, the FDA approved the first treatment for agitation in people with Alzheimer’s — brexpiprazole.

Hearing aids could slow cognitive decline for at-risk older adults.

In the largest clinical trial to investigate whether a hearing loss treatment can reduce risk of cognitive decline, researchers found that older adults with hearing loss cut their cognitive decline in half by using hearing aids for three years.

The intervention included hearing aids, a hearing “toolkit,” and ongoing instruction and counseling. Though the positive results were in a subgroup of the total study population, they are encouraging and merit further investigation.

Blood tests for Alzheimer’s are coming soon.

Blood tests show promise for improving how Alzheimer’s is diagnosed. Advancements reported for the first time at AAIC 2023 demonstrate the simplicity and value to doctors of blood-based markers for Alzheimer’s.

Blood tests are already being implemented in Alzheimer’s drug trials. And they are incorporated into proposed new diagnostic criteria for the disease. Blood tests — once verified and approved by the FDA — would offer a noninvasive and cost-effective option for identifying the disease.

First-ever U.S. county-level Alzheimer’s prevalence estimates.

The first-ever county-level estimates of the prevalence of Alzheimer’s dementia — in all 3,142 U.S. counties — were reported at AAIC 2023. For counties with a

population of more than 10,000 people age 65 and older, the highest Alzheimer’s prevalence rates are in:

- Miami-Dade County, Fla. (16.6%)
- Baltimore City, Md. (16.6%)
- Bronx County, N.Y. (16.6%)
- Prince George’s County, Md. (16.1%)
- Hinds County, Miss. (15.5%)

Certain characteristics of these counties may explain the higher prevalence, including older age and a higher percentage of Black and Hispanic residents, which are communities disproportionately impacted by Alzheimer’s disease. According to the Alzheimer’s Association, these statistics can help officials determine the burden on the health care system, and pinpoint areas for culturally-sensitive caregiver training.

Chronic constipation is associated with poor cognitive function.

Approximately 16% of the world’s population struggles

with constipation. This year, researchers reported that less frequent bowel movements were associated with significantly worse cognitive function.

People in the study with bowel movements every three days or more had worse memory and thinking equal to three years of cognitive aging. These results stress the importance of clinicians discussing gut health with their older patients.

To learn more about Alzheimer’s and dementia research, plus available care and support — and to join the cause or make a donation — visit the Alzheimer’s Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

While there is still much to learn about Alzheimer’s, 2023 was a year of discovery, giving researchers and families impacted by the disease hope for the year ahead.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### HARLAN

 Charles "Charlie" Harlan, 95, Kokomo, passed away at 9:40 am on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at Northwoods Village. He was born in Wabash County on January 7, 1928, to the late Charles and Nina A. (Bussard) Harlan. On April 25, 1954, in Richvalley, IN., he married Marilyn Higgins, and she survives.

Charlie graduated from Wabash High School and attended Manchester College. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, where he attained the rank of Cpl., his main assignment was Photography Measure and Analysis. He worked for the United States Post office and retired after 18 years of service. He was an avid reader and wrote a few "western" books. He loved to be in his recliner, watching IU, and the Indianapolis Colts.

Along with this wife Marilyn, Charlie is survived by his children, Carol Harlan, Dave Harlan, and Joe Harlan; grandchildren, Andrew Harlan, Jordan (Chantel) Harlan, Rachel (Ryan) Mummert, and Jessica Harlan; great-grandchildren, Logan Harlan, Ethan Harlan, Emily Harlan, Bella Banks, Iris Harlan, Ivy Harlan, and Landon Rink; brother, Dean (Susan) Harlan; sister, Ann Miles McCammon; and several nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and son, Thomas Harlan.

A funeral service will take place at 11 am on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 W Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with his nephew, Kevin Miles officiating. Entombment will take place in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, with military honors provided by the United States Army and the VFW Military Rites Team.

Friends may visit with the family from 5 pm to 8 pm on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kokomo VFW

or the Howard County Public Library.

### McCOOL

Quentin R. McCool, 24, of Marion, passed away at 8:16 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Marion Health.

He was born in Kokomo on Tuesday, June 29, 1999, to Richard Byrd and Janice (Johnson) McCool.

Quentin attended Eastbrook High School, Marion. He owned Q&M Tree Service & Snow Removal. Quentin was a former vice president of Skulls of Honor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding motorcycle.

Quentin loved his work and especially loved his children.

Survivors include his wife, Monica McCool, of Marion; father, Richard R. Byrd Sr., of Marion; mother, Janice McCool, of Marion; children, Brooklynn I. McCool, Quentin R. McCool Jr. and Kaelyn M Kellogg; brother, Roy (Sarah) McCool; sisters, Tela McCool, Connie (Tony) Beck and Shanda (James) Headley; special friends, Bill Lane, Johnny (Monica) Benfield, Larry Warren, David Riddle Jr. and Garrett Nielson; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Quentin was preceded in death by his daughter, Kiersten N. McCool, brother, Richard Byrd Jr., and step-father, Luther McCool.

The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Quentin's life will begin at noon with Pastor Wally Champion officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family for funeral expenses.

### LAKE

Alycia Anne Lake, 68, of Marion, passed away in her home at 8:33 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023.

She was born in Marion on Saturday, Nov. 12, 1955.

Alycia graduated from Eastbrook High School, Marion. She worked as a supervisor at Carey Services and Benchmark. Everyone loved Alycia. She was an avid reader and writer. Alycia was into politics and could be quite vocal in this area.

She is survived by her sisters, Gretchen (late Michael) Hopkins, of Kokomo, and Leslie (Ted) Bloch, of Fishers; brother, Dale E. (Renee) Lake, of Idaho; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Alycia was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard A. Lake.

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

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

Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952 or Carey Services, 2724 S. Carey St., Marion, IN 46953.

### BLAKE

The Rev. Dr. Floyd E. Blake, 96, of Warren, IN, passed away early Sunday



morning, November 19, 2023, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Dr. Blake was born in Eaton, IN on October 21, 1927, to Lemmie and Bessie (Rhodes) Blake and was a 1945 graduate of Eaton High School. After high school he served with the US Merchant Marines and then the 2nd Infantry, US Army until his discharge in 1947.

He attended Taylor University in Upland, IN where he was reunited and married Marjorie Hutchens on June 4, 1950, at Upland

United Methodist Church celebrating 63 years of marriage together. He then attended the University of Dubuque in Iowa before working for the YMCA in Muncie, Indiana and San Pedro, California until returning to Indiana to answer his call to ministry.

Dr. Blake served over 18 churches throughout his ministry, most associated with the United Methodist Churches of Indiana and had to retire twice because he felt he hadn't finished serving. Among his many accomplishments as a minister, his fondest were being the founding pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana where he served from 1964 to 1971 and all the youth he took on retreats and summer camp at Epworth Forest. Dr. Blake's post graduate studies began at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, graduating in 1962, followed by Christian Theological Seminary where he earned his Doctorate Degree in 1975, and finally a Certificate of Pastoral Counseling in 1982.

Dr. Blake loved spending time with his family and friends. There was no such thing as a stranger to Dr. Blake. He took great pleasure in telling stories, especially about growing up on a farm during the Great Depression and how he got to "try-out" for the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also enjoyed sports (especially baseball and the Colts), camping and traveling, visiting all 50 states and many parts of Europe and Africa. His love of traveling and serving others led him to participate with numerous mission trips to south Texas and Africa University in Zimbabwe. He married his wife, May M. Slagel-Blake, on February 15, 2014, and embraced the love and support of many new additions to his family.

Loving survivors include sons, Chuck (Vicki) Blake of Sun City, Florida, and Harold (Jen) Blake of Destin, Florida,

daughter, Lisa (Curt) Holmes of Carmel, Indiana, son-in-law, Jeff Carpenter of Roscoe, Illinois and step-daughter, Linda (Harold) Plasterer of Warren, Indiana; eight grandchildren, Marcus Blake (George Higby) of Riverview, Florida, Jon Blake of Carmel, Indiana, Dr. Tricia Holmes (Chris Moberg) of Speedway, Indiana, Julie (Cruiser) Baxter of Roscoe, Illinois, Michelle (Luke) Uhrig of Indianapolis, Indiana, Brian Carpenter of Chicago, Illinois, Amber (Tom) Toner of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Allyson Holmes of Beech Grove, Indiana, three step-grandchildren, Machelle (John) Suchcicki of Warren, Indiana, Holly Plasterer of Warren, Pam (Lance) Gray of Wabash, 3 great grandchildren, Ryder and Sawyer Moberg and Gabrielle Uhrig and 7 step-great grandchildren, Devin, Collin and Shaylyn Suchcicki, Nakishia Stout, Courtney Strickler, Ashley and Chance Gray.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marjorie (April 12, 2013), wife May (December 26, 2016), siblings, Nellie McKittrick, Melvin Blake and Catherine Reid, daughter, Lori Carpenter, and step-great grandson Braden Gray.

Calling will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, located at 801 N Huntington Ave, Warren from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 PM with Dr. Dale Mendenhall officiating and Dr. Herbert Buwalda assisting. Burial will take place next to his wife Marjorie in the Union Cemetery in Eaton, IN.

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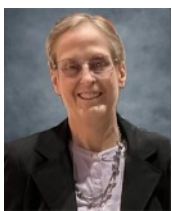
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### PRESTON

Regina Mae Preston, 72, of Pickerington, OH, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 3:45 pm at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, OH.



Regina was born on May 5, 1951, in Huntington, IN, to the late Robert Estel & Oma Delores (Moorman) Zent. She was a 1969 graduate of Huntington High School and attended college at Indiana State and St. Francis, where she received her bachelor's and master's degree in education. She was united in marriage to Richard A. Preston on June 3, 1972, in Warren, IN. Regina taught 8th grade for over 30 years in both Indiana and Ohio. She enjoyed shopping and especially watching her grandchildren in their various activities including soccer, softball, swimming, cross country, gymnastics, and robotics.

Loving survivors include her husband, Richard A. Preston, daughters, Tricia (Husband, David) Wurzel, Erin (Husband, Kyle) Hartman, grandchildren, Madelyn Erin Wurzel, Hunter Preston Wurzel, Jackson Preston Hartman, and Kaiser Anthony Hartman, and brother, Gary Zent.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and nephew Joe Zent.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember Regina at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792 on Sunday, November 26, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. A service to celebrate Regina's life will follow at 2:00 pm with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will take place in Sparks Cemetery in rural Wells County, IN.

### COX

Kevin Cox of Van Buren passed on Wednesday, November 22, 2023.



Kevin was born on November 28, 1954, to Verlin and Shirley Cox (Golding). Verlin and Shirley had two sets of boys: Roger and Wayne and then nine years later Kevin and Chuck. He grew-up attending the old Hanfield United Methodist Church. Kevin had a passion for anything with wheels starting with the bicycle he used on his paper route followed by remote-controlled cars then go-carts and then the many cars and motorcycles he had during his lifetime. They all needed to go fast and sound like they were fast.

Professionally, Kevin was a respected member of the collision repair industry. He started young and had many mentors along the way. As with most "car people," he worked at many repair facilities in the area. He was a painter, technician, a manager, and an I-CAR instructor eventually finishing his career at Don Ayres Honda in Fort Wayne after 20 years as the collision manager at the dealership.

Kevin was a proud member of the infamous Eastbrook High School class of 1973. He remained close to several of his classmates throughout his life in addition to the many other friends (which he could make easily) who lived around Indiana, Michigan and recently Florida and Alabama. He married Renee Cox on November 14, 1987, and together with friends they roamed the countryside on their motorcycle until his illness prevented big trips. Kevin was a natural born leader – whether it was leading people into mischief or serving as the co-vice president of the Wanderers Motorcycle Club – he always rode at the front of the group, he helped organized the Tippy Weekend, and was a

person everyone could count on when they needed anything.

Following retirement, Kevin became an avid golfer. He had a standing game with his golf buddies at Arbor Trace.

Kevin loved his family. After raising his daughter Morgan and two stepsons Derek and Danny, becoming a loving grandpa to his five grandkids came naturally.

His family and friends will remember Kevin for his many attributes but especially his sense of humor. "Have I told you the one about the (fill in the blank)?" was a frequent starter to the many conversations he had in person or on the phone to one of his many friends. He loved to make people laugh.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Charles "Chuck," and Roger and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was also preceded in death by his long-time friend Rick "String Bean" Wescott of West Branch, MI who passed in March 2022.

Survivors of his family include his loving wife of 36 years, Renee Cox of Marion; daughter, Morgan Cox, Greencastle; stepsons Derek (Courtney) Kibble, Fishers and Danny Kibble, Indianapolis; grandchildren Dawson and Emma McCarty, Greencastle; Max Kibble, Chicago; Sam and Eli Kibble, Fishers; and brother Wayne (Maureen), Trafalgar; plus, several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Kevin also leaves behind so many years-long friends there are too many to list – but you know who you are. His wife lovingly referred to Kevin as the unofficial Mayor of Van Buren.

Visitation will occur on Tuesday, November 28 from 12 – 4 PM with services taking place at 4 PM at Van Buren Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall, located at 108 S 2nd St, Van Buren, IN 46991.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Indiana Motorcycle Preservation Society Endowed Fund via

the Community Foundation of Grant County – [www.givetogrant.org/imps](http://www.givetogrant.org/imps) or the Billy Graham Association – [www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org).

### COTREL

Shirley K. Cotrel, 82, of Upland, passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, in Upland.

She was born in Marion on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1941, to Ora and Maxine (Hatton) Enyeart.

On February 24, 1979, Shirley married James E Cotrel.

She graduated from Marion High School.

Shirley then worked as an ad services manager for 20 years with Marion Chronicle-Tribune, retiring after 32 years in total with the newspaper. She enjoyed living in the country. Shirley loved nature and watching the wildlife that came around her home. She loved her animals and had several special dogs through the years. In her younger years, Shirley had enjoyed waterskiing and roller skating.

Survivors include her husband, James E Cotrel, of Upland; son, Jerry (Melony) Cotrel, of Marion; granddaughters, Heather (Andy) McElhaney, of Warren, and Holly Highley, of Marion; grandson, Adam Cotrel, of Kissimmee, Fla.; great-grandsons, Wyatt McElhaney, Levi McElhaney, Eli Highley and Pierce Highley; great-granddaughters, Karlyn Cotrel, Kortney Cotrel and Willa Highley; niece and nephews, Laura Kennedy, Keith Enyeart and Trevor Enyeart.

Shirley was preceded in death by father, Ora L. "Bus" Enyeart, mother, Maxine E Enyeart, daughter, Cynthia Devaney, brother, Larry Enyeart, and sister-in-law, Tina Enyeart.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Shirley's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor – Mick Simpkins officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Marion.

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

### SMITH

Patricia Ann Smith, 80, of Huntington, left on a ray of sunshine at 11:44 am Thursday, November 23, 2023 at her residence.

Patricia was born on January 1, 1943 in Gas City, IN, the daughter of Emmitt Woodcock and Zetta Mae (Swift) Woodcock. She married Lewis "Bud" Smith on May 17, 2007 in Huntington, IN. Patricia worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and retired from Tipton Place in Huntington. She loved reading, enjoyed the sunshine, and spending time with her family. She enjoyed planting flowers, and was very partial to her pets, especially her Izzi girl and Pixie.

Survivors include her Husband, Lewis "Bud" Smith of Huntington, IN; Son, William J. (Julie) Hedrick of England; Daughter, Angela (Mark) Pinkerton of Huntington, IN; Three Bonus Children, Launda Ewell of Pierceton, IN, Vicki (Roger) Karns of Huntington, IN, Brian (Magda) Smith of North Webster, IN; Three Brothers, Lee (Judy) Fenwick of Marion, IN, Bill Woodcock of Marion, IN, Roger (Marcia) Fenwick of Virginia; Sister, Sue (Don Woods) Fenwick of Virginia; Four Grandchildren, her beloved Patricia (Patrick) Riley of Converse, IN, Carly Hedrick of England, Samantha Hedrick of England, Aleix (Skyler) Fishbaugh of Warren, IN; Five Great Grandchildren, Kaden Riley, Channing Riley, Camden (PJ) Riley, Arionna Stetzel, Eben Fishbaugh; Special Niece, Sharon (Rick) Mahoney of Huntington, IN.

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She is preceded in death by her Mother, Zetta Mae Woodcock, Father, Emmit Woodcock, Sister, Bee Mahoney, Brother in Law, Russ Mahoney, Brother, John Woodcock, Sister in Law, Rosemary Woodcock, Brother, Ken Woodcock, Sister in Law, Dianne Woodcock, Sister in Law, Lou Woodcock, Brother, Charles Fenwick, Sister in Law, Debbie Fenwick, and Sister, Jan Pridavka.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Major Gerald Smelser officiating.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Patricia to Stillwater Hospice, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

### GRASSL

 Roger J. Grassl, 95 of Huntington, passed away on Friday morning November 24, 2023 at Heritage Point of Huntington.

After graduation from St Mary's HS (Menasha, WI) in 1945, Roger attended Michigan Technical University before heeding the call to serve his country by enlisting in the US Air Force in September 1950. Following basic training in Texas, he worked in the field in seismology until being accepted into pilot training in May 1952. After 26 years of service he completed his military career at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, where he retired from military service in 1976.

During his distinguished military career, he achieved the rank of Lt Col and received numerous medals, service awards, and officer commendations. Roger's post-military life found him enjoying his days in central Alabama working in real estate and serving a number of various church and other community organizations.

Roger enjoyed reading military history, watching numerous Old West movies, and catching his beloved Green Bay Packers on TV. Roger was born on June 8, 1928 in Appleton, Wisconsin. A son of the late William C. and Valeria M. (Rohe) Grassl. He was united in marriage to Joanna Irick on November 12, 1988 in Warren, IN. She preceded him in death on April 21, 2018.

Survivors include a daughter: Christina (Kenneth) Monk of Eclectic, AL; two step-sons: Troy (Dawn) Irick of Huntington and Todd (Darla) Irick of Bristol, IN. Seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son: Scott C. Grassl, a brother: Norbert H. Grassl and two sisters: Lois A. Grassl and Eunice Fairchild.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM with visitation 1 hour prior at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, Indiana.

Interment will be at Thompson Home Cemetery in Warren, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, preferred Memorials can be made out to Trinity United Methodist Church or Huntington County Humane Society sent in care of Myers Funeral Home 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### JENNINGS

James Lee Jennings, 85, of Huntington, passed at 3:56 am Friday, November 24, 2023 at the Waters of Huntington.

James was born on July 27, 1938 in Markle, IN, the son of William Jennings and Deloros (Paul) Jennings. He graduated from Markle High School with the Class of 1956 and married Martha C. Smith on April 26, 1958 in Plum Tree, IN. Jim worked for the Huntington Fire Department from July 1968 - August 2000. He was the Fire Chief under the Kyle Administration from 1996 - 1999. Jim also worked

in Dispatch and was a Driver for the Huntington Center on Aging. His other jobs included being a Representative for Standard Oil Company in Warren for 5 years, and he was a Wholesale Bread Rep for Sunbeam Breads in Ft. Wayne. Jim was a member of Markle Church of Christ and Northview Church of Christ and was a former member of the Huntington Exchange Club. He enjoyed fishing, wood working, camping, and traveling. He was a Coach for girls' softball for many years. Jim was a diehard Cubs fan and he traveled to Arizona for their Spring Training many times.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years Wife, Martha C. Jennings of Huntington, IN; Two Daughters, Rhonda Jennings (Brad) Green of Eufaula, AL, Renee (Matt) Armstrong of Huntington, IN; Sister. Marjorie (Harold) Arnold of Bluffton, IN; Two Grandchildren, Brooke Armstrong of Muncie, IN, Abriel (Kyle) Zerfas of Wabash, IN; Three Great Grandchildren, Chandler, Graham, and Andie Zerfas of Wabash, IN; Two Step Grandchildren, Mistylee (Derek) Taylor of Ft. Wayne, IN, Ashley Armstrong of Berne, IN; Two Step Great Grandchildren, Karis and Gabe Taylor of Ft. Wayne, IN.

He is preceded in death by his Father, William Ray Jennings, Mother, Deloros Jennings, Sister, Marcella Jean Cook, Sister, Mary Louise Brown, and Sister, Martha Ellen Foughty.

Visitation will be from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Thursday, November 30, 2023 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Graveside Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, December 1, 2023 at Gardens of Memory Marion. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of James to the Cancer Services of Huntington County or Markle Church of Christ, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35

West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

### GONSER-ROSE

Patricia "Pat" "Louise (Dellacca) Gonser-Rose, 87, of Warren, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, while residing at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

She was born on January 11, 1936, in Clay County, the daughter of Robert and Ruth (Sawyer) Dellacca.

Pat graduated from Brazil High School Class of 1953. She married Walter J. Gonser Jr. on June 30, 1963, who preceded her in death on August 8, 1986.

Walter served as a minister in the Wesleyan denomination. Together they served at churches in Greencastle, Brazil, Lawrenceburg and Portland.

Pat worked as a secretary in the principal's office in Brazil High School for several years, then served alongside her husband in ministry in the various churches that he pastored. Upon relocating to the Portland area, Pat work in Jay County Courthouse as a clerk in the Auditor's office for more than 25 years. She also sold Avon for several decades.

Several years after Walter's passing, Pat married Lee Rose on July 31, 1993. He passed away after three years of marriage on December 17, 1996.

When she wasn't working, she enjoyed flower gardening, watching birds and spending time with family.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ruth Dellacca, husbands, Walter Gonser Jr. and Lee Rose, a brother, Donald Dellacca, and great-grandson, Damien Gonser.

She is survived by four children, Rick (Sharon) Gonser, Karen (Larry) Couch, Ann Louise Clifton (Jeff Hart) and Robert (Dawn) Gonser; grandchildren, Richard Gonser, Ryan (Krystal) Gonser, Michael (Shelby) Gonser, Tamara (Pat) Houser, Kim (Joe) Miller, Vanessa White, Brandon Clifton,

Chelsea (Jay) Buchan, Ethan Gonser and Danielle Gonser; 21 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; one brother, John D Dellacca (Jennifer Sprunger); as well as many extended family members, parishioners and friends.

Visitation will be at Lawson - Miller Chapel, 1702 E. National Ave., Brazil, on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Services will be at the funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m. with Pat's son, Robert Gonser, officiating.

Burial will follow at Clearview Cemetery Brazil.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 509 First St., St. #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

### THOMPSON

Louise Thompson, 84, of Wabash, passed away at 10:22 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at Wabash Parkview Hospital.

She was born on January 6, 1939, to Raymond and Mary Marie (Morrison) Mullins in Bath County, Ky.

Louise attended Wabash High School.

She married Vernon Thompson on July 13, 1957.

Louise worked at Clark's Finer Foods, Wabash, until retiring.

She was a woman whose unconditional love touched the lives of everyone she met. Her generosity knew no end. The number of prayers and grace she lavished impacted, and at times sustained, her family.

Louise's gift of hospitality and her ability to prepare feast after feast for her family and friends was one of her most beloved characteristics. But, most of all, her love for Jesus and her longing for others to know His love and forgiveness was the most beautiful thing about her. Louise loved her grandkids/great-grandkids, College Corner Brethren Church, her Daily Bread devotional, lighthouses, stocking her fridge with

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enough cookies to feed an army and spoiling her whole family at Christmas. Her presence this side of heaven will be so missed, but we know she's perfectly loved and at peace in the presence of God.

Louise is survived by her husband, Vernon Thompson, of Wabash; four children, Teresa (Dan) Snyder, of LaFontaine, Gregory (Traci) Thompson, of Wabash, Mark Thompson (Shannon Hatfield), of Van Buren, and Julia (Dewayne) Lengel, of Wabash; nine grandchildren, Evan (Whitney) Snyder, Dustin (Alexis) Snyder, Bailey Thompson, Kennedy Brackett, Alex Thompson, Meg Thompson, Eliza Thompson, Lydia (Evan) Smith and Hannah Lengel; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Mike (Bonnie) Mullins, of North Manchester; one sister, Wanda Kirby, of Columbia City.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, with Dan Snyder and Pastor Solomon David officiating.

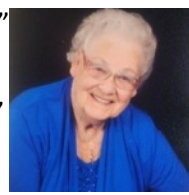
Burial will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to College Corner Brethren Church, 8996 500 W., Wabash, IN 46992 or the donor's choice in care of McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, IN 46992.

### DOYLE

Flora "Flo" Doyle, 97 of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away at Heritage Pointe of Warren on Sunday, November 26, 2023.



Flo was born on April 22, 1926, in Missouri. She lived in Van Buren, Indiana for most of her life and graduated from Van Buren High School in 1944. She married George F. Doyle on June 14, 1946, in Van Buren, Indiana. Flo loved Van Buren and was past president and held most offices in the Van Buren Legion Auxillary #368. She and George received the Gold Life Membership cards from the Van Buren American Legion and Auxillary for exemplary dedication and service. Flo was a member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church and served on the church funeral dinner committee. She was also formerly active with the Van Buren popcorn festival committee and a personal historian for the town of Van Buren.

The family would like to thank all of Flo's friends over the years for the joy and love they brought to Flo. They would also like to thank all her nurses and friends at Heritage Pointe. You all have a special place in our hearts.

Flo was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 36 years, George Doyle, and her brother, Bill Arthur.

Loving survivors include her son, Richard (Pamela) Doyle of Greenwood, IN, grandchildren, Jody Royse of Jacksonville, FL, Dustin (Danielle) Doyle of Bargersville, IN, and Ryan (Teah) Doyle of Schoolcraft, MI, great grandchildren, Tyler (Chelsea) Royse of Bloomfield, CO, Catherine Royse of Jacksonville, FL, Sophia Doyle, Luca Doyle, and Caleb Doyle, all of Bargersville, IN, Greg Doyle of Goshen, IN, and Izabella Doyle of Schoolcraft, MI, and great great grandchildren, Taelynn and Everleigh Doyle.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the Van Buren Church of the Vine Fellowship Hall, from 11am to 1pm. A funeral service will begin at 1pm with her grandson, Pastor Ryan Doyle officiating. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Grant Co. Humane Society Or Van Buren Church of the Vine.



### DRIVE IMAGINATION WITH THESE HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FOR KIDS

(StatePoint) To fill the holiday season with magic and joy for little ones, consider these five gift ideas that will spark the imagination and create endless opportunities for fun.

1. Great books: Listening to a book read aloud is a chance to imagine oneself in the setting and circumstances of the characters. This is especially true when the literature is personalized. Build out a child's library this holiday season with a book that allows you to customize the story with the child's name and an illustrated character that resembles them.

2. Construction fun: The Go! Go! Smart Wheels Spiral Construction Tower from VTech is not just a regular track set. It features five play pieces, 11 movable parts, and seven interactive SmartPoint areas so kids can imagine they are in a real construction zone. From spinning down the spiral tower to hauling the boulder in the talking dump truck to transferring the steel with the cargo hook, there is no shortage of playful ways to cruise through the construction site, all the while building first words and motor skills. A companion to other Go! Go! Smart Wheels sets such as the 4-1 Zig-Zag Raceway, the

Fast-and-Friendly Garage and the Rescue Tower Firehouse, young vehicle enthusiasts can race, repair and rescue during pretend play.

3. Costumes: Playing dress up doesn't need to be an annual occasion reserved for Halloween. Whether it's a superhero, a princess, an animal, or a character from a book or show, a costume makes playing pretend more thrilling all year round, and is an excellent and unexpected gift for the holiday season.

4. Puppets: Role-playing games are always more fun and creative when puppets are involved! For very young children, consider machine-washable, all-plush puppets to make play time more cozy and hygienic.

5. Occupation playset: From doctor's kits, complete with toy stethoscopes and thermometers to tool sets with toy hammers and saws, occupation playsets build confidence and offer up chances for kids to pretend to be grown-ups hard at work.

Thoughtfully selected holiday gifts can brighten the season for little ones, and help them have more creative and imaginative playtime adventures in the year ahead.

### HOW TO HOST THE HOLIDAYS AFFORDABLY

(StatePoint) From getting your home ready for guests and finding the perfect gifts to preparing a delicious meal, the holidays can seem overwhelming and expensive – but they don't have to be. Take the following steps to save time and money on seasonal essentials.

#### Prepping Your Home

To get your home ready for holiday hosting, begin by decluttering surface areas such as tables and kitchen counters. Next, take an inventory and purchase any additional cleaning supplies you'll need for a deep clean.

Remember, air care products like festive candles or sprays can freshen cleaned spaces. Next, decorate by sprinkling different holiday décor pieces in the rooms' focal points. For example, add themed table settings in the dining room and wrap a holiday garland around fixtures such as the fireplace mantle or staircase.

#### Making the Menu

Food is a unifying component of any holiday celebration. To get started, set a menu that consists of a variety of appetizers, light snacks, side dishes, entrees and desserts to accommodate guests' cravings and preferences. Consider using healthier variations of the season's comforting and tasty dishes with DG Better For You recipes, which include Potato Crusted Chicken and Green Bean Casserole. Before heading to the store, write your grocery list in advance and make a plan to purchase private brand products to stretch your budget further.

#### Gift Guide

Shopping for the perfect gift for everyone on your list can be easy when using DG's holiday gift guide found at [dollargeneral.com](http://dollargeneral.com). Consider placing three self-care products such as soap, a face mask and a bath bomb into a decorative basket with tissue paper to shine on presentation. To have children of all ages jumping for joy, save on national toy brands at your local Dollar General such as Melissa & Doug, LEGO, Fisher-Price, Play Doh, Barbie, Pokémon, L.O.L. Surprise!, ZURU 5 Surprise and more.

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# PARLOR CITY CHRISTMAS

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

### 8-11am

- Breakfast—cost \$11 (American Legion)
- Breakfast with Santa—donation (Masonic Lodge)

### 9am-3pm

- Cookie Walk benefiting Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing (The Lounge - 303 W. Market St.)

### 9:30am-1pm

- Musical Entertainment featuring Studio 88, Jeanette S. Lundeen Music Studio, Creative Arts School of Music, Tammy Ray Piano Studio, and Gretchen Steffen's piano students (Wells County Public Library)

### 10am-3pm

- Parlor City Shopping Fair—shop local with 35+ artisans and vendors (Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre - 211 W. Water St.)
- Wood Carvings by Ryan Frauhiger of Forrest Carvings; warm up by the outdoor fire on the patio and enjoy a Pinewood Derby track (Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre)

### 10am-3:30pm

- Trolley Rides (stops at the library, Historical Museum, Wells County Commerce & Visitors Centre, and Market St.)

### 10am-5pm

- Christmas at the Mansion (Wells County Historical Museum)

### 11am-12pm

- Owl Demonstration (100 block of W. Market St.)

### 11am-1pm

- Live Reindeer (Parlor City Plaza)

### 11am-2pm

- Sentimental Journeys horse-drawn wagon rides (Start from the Wells County Public Library)
- Goodie Walk—free food & treats by local businesses throughout Downtown Bluffton
- Connect 4 Basketball and various games (200 block of W. Market St.)
- Ben Burman State Farm will be hosting Santa at Parlor Studios (224 W. Market St.) with free pictures by Burman Photography
- NeuEnchanted Expressions Face Painting by Carissa, A Balloon Above, and Jessica Shoemaker Events—free face painting, balloon animals, and photo booth (209 W. Market St.)
- Princess Meet-and-Greet and Busted Haft Throwing (100 block of W. Market St.)
- Crafts, goodies, and mini organ concerts at 11:15 am, 12:15 pm, and 1:15 pm (First Reformed Church)
- Snowman character and photo ops throughout downtown (tag "parlorcitychristmas" in photos)

### 11am-evening

- Live Nativity (Dutch Mill Plaza)

### 3pm and 7pm

- White Christmas by the Creative Arts Theater Department—admission \$15 for adults, \$10 for 12 & under (Auditorium - 428 S. Oak St.)

### 6-9pm

- Wonderland of Lights featuring stories with Santa and hot cocoa—entry donation (Ouabache State Park)

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