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Thought for the Week: What people say you cannot do, you try and find that you can. Henry David Thoreau



JEFF'S FARM MARKET ANNIVERSARY

Five years ago, during the Covid pandemic, Jeff Daugherty was preparing to close his outside produce stand for the winter. Many of his customers were local folks who did not want to risk traveling to other cities and large box stores for their needs. Several loyal customers asked Jeff for a way to keep local availability through the winter months. Responding to their requests, in a matter of weeks, Jeff was able to convert an empty wire harness factory building into a small inside market with fresh produce and some basic groceries.

From that hasty beginning, Jeff was able to acquire vendors for several grocery lines including frozen foods, meats, baked goods and other staples for his customers. The business has grown steadily since that time to what is now a full-service market drawing customers from several miles away. Each spring, a greenhouse supplies vegetable and flower plants as well as hundreds of hanging baskets, and in the fall, mums, pumpkins and other fall décor are available.

A member of Indiana Grown, a statewide entity dedicated to promoting products grown and produced within Indiana, Jeff specialized in products such as Red Gold Tomato products, Sechler's Pickles, and Peaceful Meadows baked goods to name a few. In summer months, Jeff attends Amish auctions in Adams and Wayne Counties each week to secure the best in fresh Indiana grown produce.

To accommodate folks with the need to buy affordable products, the store has a short-date aisle with savings of up to 75% which help stretch the EBT dollars even further. Jeff's Farm Market co-operates with the Bread of Life Food Pantry by passing on savings and assisting other charitable organizations in the Warren area as needed.

What started out as a response to the Covid emergency has grown into an important resource for the Warren community in the last five years.

BLOCK PARTY

Don't forget to come by the Van Buren Public Library Friday night from 5:30-8. We are participating in the neighborhood Halloween block party! Area churches, organizations, and businesses will be prepared to offer your kiddos a great night of tricks, treats, and surprises! There will be games, trick or treating stations, a wagon ride, ice cream, scavenger hunt, Photo Booth, and Halloween short playing on the lawn at 8 to wrap it all up! We can't wait to see you there!

And don't forget to bring by your donations to feed Slimer and be entered to win a Blackstone grill (donation of 5 items or \$5 required).

Van Buren Church of the Vine

Mama Ducks Kitchen

Wolfie's Time Out Tavern

Central Christian Church of Van Buren

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Van Buren Trick or Treat Hours will be Friday, Halloween, 5:30 - 8 pm

FALL CLEAN-UP

November 8th will be the fall cleanup of Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren. If you have any decorations you want to keep over, please gather them up. You may start placing fall/winter decorations back on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On Wednesday, November 5, the Huntington County Genealogical Society will have a combined live and virtual meeting. The topic will be "Blacksheep: Researching Relatives Convicted of a Crime" presented by A. J. Middaugh. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Keefer Center of the Huntington City-Township Public Library. Online access will be through Zoom. Call or email the Keefer Center for virtual meeting access (260-356-0824, genealogy@hctpl.info). (Closed captioning is available.)

Many of us have direct relatives, or their siblings, who run afoul of the law. Learn some techniques to research their exploits, trials, and incarcerations.

A.J. is a Wabash County native. She has been working as an assistant in the Keefer Center since August 2023. Shortly before joining us she received her Bachelors in English from Indiana University.

BALANCE YOUR LEFT AND RIGHT BRAIN WITH TOOLS THAT INSPIRE LEARNING

(StatePoint) Whether you're still a student or long past your school years, making learning a hobby outside the classroom can keep you sharp, particularly if you pair activities that involve logic, analysis and facts with those that involve creativity, imagination and intuition. Here are some great tools to inspire you in your educational journey and balance your left brain and right brain:

Discovering the Joy of Music: When it comes to immersing yourself in the world of music, there is no more fundamental place to start than the keyboard. The Casiotone CT-S1 is a stylish, ultra-portable keyboard suited for musicians and composers of all levels. Its incredible sound quality and 61 full-size keys with touch response make it an ideal musical partner for beginners and seasoned players alike, and its sleek, portable design, strap pins

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First, I want to thank those that had a hand in making the Veterans Park, that is a wonderful addition to the town of Warren. I personally have three names on the walkway, my dad, Wayne Herring, my grandpa Bert Forst and my great grandpa Reuban Forst. I would have loved to have one for my whole family but then they would have to put in a new sidewalk to hold them all.

I come from a 5-generation family of veterans in 7 different wars fought on American soil and foreign. We take pride in our veterans in our family and are always treated with the utmost respect.

With Veterans day coming up, I will be writing about some of our veterans in our family. I will start with my dad, Wayne Herring, Private U. S. Army, stationed in Kauserslatin Germany during the Korean War. He was in the 693rd Engineers company at the Rhine Engineer Depot.

Grandpa Bert Forst, Private U.S. Army, 85th Infantry Division was stationed in Camp Custer Michigan during World War 1.

Great Grandpa Reuban Forst, U.S. Continental Army during the Civil War and my Great Great uncle David Forst had some interesting things to tell. Uncle David was taken prisoner by the Rebel forces on July 4th, 1863 in Helena Arkansas. He was exchanged for Rebel Soldiers on August 21, 1863 and was returned to his company on November 9th, 1863. He was in the Union company A, 33rd regiment of the Iowa Infantry.

Grandpa Reuban was a private in the 138th Indiana Volunteer Infantry out of Wabash Indiana. He served his time at Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. On the return trip to Indiana, Grandpa Reuban was on board the train which was also carrying the President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln personally signed every certificate of honorable service for each serviceman on board that train.

Alonzo Forst fought in the Spanish American war. Uncle Lon was noted that he was in Cuba and had lost an eye in that war, but no one knows what actually happened.

World War 2 brought several into the military. My Uncle Art Hall was drafted and served two stints, one with the Navy and one with the Army. Uncle Jim Swindell was state side during WW2 but not sure where he was stationed but he was able to come home often so he was

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Pastor Wayne Couch
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
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Matt Kennedy, Pastor
Worship Service 9:00a.m.
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HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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

HERITAGE POINTE
Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.

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Pastor Mark Joyner
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Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

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

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John Boyanowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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3147 W 543 S, Huntington
765.251.2322
Ron Forsythe, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays:
Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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Lois Slusher, Supt.
Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

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

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

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

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375-3022
Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
Tara Bower - Secretary
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Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
Youth:
K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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765-618-0027
Pastor Al Soultz
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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and optional battery operation make it fun to play anywhere. If you're a total beginner, connect your keyboard to the free Casio Music Space app, which acts as a digital musical score, music teacher and live performance simulator to help you gain skills fast.

Fostering a Love of Books: Assigned reading and independent reading alike are always easier and more enjoyable when you have a huge library at your fingertips. Thankfully, today's ereaders are better than ever – they're waterproof, feature color displays ideal for absorbing everything from graphic novels to illustrated textbooks, and have extensive note-taking capabilities.

Mastering Math: Designed to enhance learning and exploration, the fx-CG100 ClassWiz Color Graph is a cutting-edge handheld calculator with an intuitive, high-contrast user interface. An optional Exam Mode makes it a smart choice for students with upcoming standardized tests. However, with its MicroPython programming capabilities and its robust catalog of mathematical functions, including basic and statistics functions, graphing capabilities and more, it's really a tool for anyone interested in continued STEAM learning.

Embracing Your Passions: Whether your interest is in the performing arts, creative writing, cooking, entrepreneurship or history, there's a course that will fascinate you on

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LIVING WELL WITH PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

(StatePoint) November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month, and the American Lung Association, with support from Merck, is raising awareness about one form of the condition: pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

PAH is a serious condition that can affect people of all ages. It occurs when the tiny arteries in the lungs become thickened and narrowed, which causes reduced blood flow through the lungs. This raises pressure in the pulmonary arteries and forces the heart to work harder to

push blood through the narrowed vessels.

While there is no cure for PAH, there is medication to help manage the symptoms and slow disease progression. Getting a correct diagnosis is essential because without the proper treatment, PAH can be fatal.

While often seen in adults, pulmonary hypertension, including PAH, can also affect children. When Jackson was diagnosed with pediatric PAH at 14 months old, his family started advocating for his care early. "From the very beginning, we've done everything we can to ensure he is getting the best treatment options," Jayna, his mom says.

Once accurately diagnosed, Jackson's family embarked on a journey of managing PAH in their young child, "We had to figure out how to manage a toddler with a subcutaneous pump. It was terrifying, but we knew it was what he needed," says Jayna.

No matter the age of the patient, these key actions can help your family navigate a diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension:

Find a trusted PH specialist. A specialist will tailor your treatment specific to your

needs. Being able to talk with your specialist is vital in developing your personalized care plan. As Jackson shares, "My doctor is amazing," assisting him with a comprehensive healthcare plan and helping him navigate PAH as he transitions from childhood to adolescence.

Learn all you can about PH and PAH. Take the PH Basics course offered by the American Lung Association. This free, short online module is designed to help patients and caregivers understand symptoms, monitoring, treatment options and more.

Activate your support network. Join support groups and peer communities to build knowledge and resilience and receive emotional support. Jayna found an online pulmonary hypertension community of other parents, which made it "easier to cope, learn from others and feel less isolated," and eventually became one of the community's administrators. Learn more about PAH this Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month at Lung.org/pah.

Being diagnosed with pulmonary arterial hypertension is life-changing. However, with trusted resources, support and a strong relationship

with a specialist, it's possible to better manage PAH and maintain a better quality of life at any age.

WILL YOUR NEW SMARTPHONE WITHSTAND EVERYDAY MISHAPS?

(StatePoint) With Apple's latest smartphone lineup featuring the biggest physical redesign in years, you may be wondering if it's time for a mobile device upgrade.

New rectangular camera housing on the iPhone Air and 17 Pro models designed to accommodate more advanced camera systems, and 4K video recording in the Pro models, among other fresh features, certainly make the idea of an upgrade appealing. But before purchasing a new device, first check out the results of Allstate Protection Plans' Breakability Drop and Bend Tests. The independent evaluation used robotic testing equipment to evaluate how the iPhone Air and iPhone 17 Pro withstand everyday accidents. The tests can be viewed online and include the following results:

Improved Drop-Ability Facing the Allstate Protection Plan's DropBot, which drops devices 6 feet

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**Weekly Specials
Oct 30 - Nov 5**

OUTSIDE STAND IS CLOSED

- **Betty Crocker PB Brownie Mix**
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Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Oct 31		HALLOWEEN
Nov 5	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Nov 5	7pm	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Nov 8	9-2pm	W - Arts & Crafts Marketplace @ KBC
Nov 10	5 pm	W - Town Council Meeting
Nov 11		VETERAN'S DAY
Nov 11	6:30pm	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Nov 17	6:30pm	W - KBC Board Meeting
Nov 19	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall

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

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

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onto a sidewalk, both iPhones showed improved durability when dropped back-down, but still suffered significant damage when dropped face-down.

Face-down drop tests: Both the iPhone Air and 17 Pro shattered after one face-down drop. While both models remained fully functional, the damaged Ceramic Shield 2 front displays were too sharp to use with bare hands. Both iPhones would need their front screens replaced to be usable again.

Back-down drop tests: The iPhone 17 Pro survived one back-down drop with only cosmetic damage, including minor scuffing on its camera housing and along frame edges. The iPhone Air cracked across its rear panel after one back-down drop but was otherwise fully functional. These results are a big improvement from previous glass-back iPhone models, and most likely due to the models' new Ceramic Shield rear panels.

No Bendgate 2.0 iPhone Air's slim design raised concerns of another Bendgate, which plagued iPhone 6 and Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge devices. But BendBot, which applies controlled pressure to measure breaking points, discovered bending isn't an issue.

• The iPhone 17 Pro bent at 200 pounds of pressure and was fully functional after Allstate's bend test. The iPhone Air bent at 190 pounds of pressure and was

also fully functional after the test. Though both models bent at fewer pounds of pressure than the iPhone 17 Pro Max (240 pounds), they were still well above industry standards for bend durability and the stresses most users encounter in everyday use.

• Though the iPhone Air is 35% thinner (0.22-inch depth) than the iPhone 17 Pro, it was nearly as durable in the bend test. This may be due to added reinforcement from its rectangular camera housing and titanium frame.

Watch the iPhone Air and iPhone 17 Pro take on the DropBot and BendBot in a full results video on Allstate Protection Plans' YouTube channel.

Damage Costlier Than Ever Smartphones have become the single device people use to capture, store and share their lives. In fact, 82% of Americans say their phone has replaced their digital camera, according to Allstate Protection Plans research. With the iPhone 17 Pro starting at \$1,099 and repair costs reaching up to \$749 without AppleCare, and the iPhone Air starting at \$999 with repairs as high as \$699, protecting these essential devices is more important than ever. Visit AllstateProtectionPlans.com to learn how to keep your new device protected from real-world damage.

"Apple avoided another Bendgate, but gravity still wins," says Jason Siciliano, vice president of marketing at Allstate Protection Plans.

"If you're spending more than \$1,000 on a phone, a case, screen protector and protection plan are smart investments."

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY A CAR? EXPERTS SAY: BEFORE IT'S URGENT

(StatePoint) Buying a car is one of life's bigger financial decisions—and timing can make all the difference.

But according to auto experts at Wells Fargo, the best time to buy a car isn't about chasing seasonal sales or waiting for tax credits. It's about being prepared before the need becomes urgent.

"It's just a reality that buying when you absolutely have to can limit your ability to get a good deal," said Robert Lyles, retail auto relationship management director, East Market for Wells Fargo Auto. "Doing your research, knowing what you're looking for, and understanding how much you can afford will give you a leg up when it's time to negotiate."

So how do you know when you're ready? It starts with understanding your finances. Michael Meganck, retail auto relationship management director, West Market, advises buyers to begin with a clear budget.

"Buying a vehicle is exciting,

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pretty close to home. Uncle Grover Bullinger was a paratrooper in the South Pacific and Uncle Harry Swindell was an infantryman in the invasion of Normandy on Omaha Beach.

My Uncle Everett Kaylor was in the US Army Airforce. He was stationed at Kessler Field, Mississippi. He was in the 458th bomber group that went to England. In June 1944 he was on a mission over France, when they had an encounter with French anti-aircraft. Uncle Everett was the tail gunner on board the B-24 bomber, the "Jolly Roger", and realized they were going to crash he ran to the cockpit and took control of the plane and glided it down across the English Channel with the help of the Navigator whom was seriously injured, and passed away by the time they crash landed.

My Uncle Don Forst was a U.S. Marine stationed in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. He was placed on High Alert and was packed heading to Cuba in full support in the Bay of Pigs invasion, during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Vietnam War brought in my two cousins, Brothers Phillip and Denny Kaylor. Phillip was with the U.S. Army and Denny was a Marine, both were stationed in Vietnam.

My cousin Lee Forst, U.S. Airforce was stationed in Fairchild Airforce base in Washington State and was called up for a mission during the Persian Gulf War, and his son Kyle Forst served in the U.S. Navy during the Iraq War and War on Terrorism.

I have two cousins that served in peace time Kenny Kaylor, retired U.S. Army and Tom Decker, retired U.S. Army, there time served during peace was as valuable as anyone serving during a war and so grateful for them. We also have some Jr. ROTC members coming up through the ranks and will soon be serving their country for our 6 and 7 generation military family, so excited to see what becomes of them.

So, when you see a veteran, thank them for their service, you never know what one person goes through being in the military, whether in war or in peace, their time served is valuable and can never be thanked enough. Thank you all for your service and God bless you for serving in the U.S. Military.

Have a great week and enjoy that outdoor weather while you can, it is leaving us soon and I'm not liking it any at all.



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GENEALOGY REPORT



CRESS

Rev. Howard Byron Cress, 103, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2025, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

He was born on August 5, 1922, the son of Sidney and Ruth (King) Cress.

Howard proudly served as a United Methodist minister for many years, faithfully leading congregations across Indiana with compassion, dedication, and a heart for service. He was a graduate of Marion High School, Class of 1940, and pursued further education at Indiana Wesleyan University, Earlham College, Christian Theological Seminary, and Garrett Evangelical Seminary.

Throughout his long and meaningful career, Howard served the following United Methodist congregations: 1950 – Logansport Parish, 1951 – Twelve Mile/Mexico, 1953 – Forest/Hillisburg, 1956 – Shiloh, 1960 – Geneva, 1963 – Fort Wayne Forest Park, 1964 – Warren, 1973–1979 – Monon UMC, 1979–1985 – Zanesville UMC, 1985–1986 – Fort Wayne Simpson UMC.

He retired from active ministry in 1985, leaving behind a legacy of faith, kindness, and mentorship that touched countless lives.

Howard was widowed three times throughout his life and often reflected fondly on the blessings and memories shared with his wives, Ruthanne, Phyllis and Jean.

Survivors include his sons, Steve Cress of Huntington and Randy Cress of Nevada.

Howard will be remembered for his warm spirit, sense of humor, and zest for life. He enjoyed river canoeing, reading, gardening, computers, and photography, and had a well-known fondness for Cadillacs, owning seven over

the years, each one a reflection of his appreciation for life's finer details and smooth rides. Known for his adventurous side, he even received a speeding ticket at age 93. In recent years, you could often see him behind the wheel of his golf cart, stopping to enjoy coffee with friends at the convenience store in town, sharing stories, laughter, and fellowship.

A graveside service will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Spring Hill Cemetery, located at 801 N. Huntington Avenue, Warren, Indiana, with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Spring Hill Cemetery, 801 N. Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy Funeral Homes in Warren.

SPRANKLES

Jerry L. Sprankles, 60, of Bluffton, passed away peacefully following a short illness at his home Saturday evening, Oct. 25, 2025.

Jerry was born in Bluffton on May 31, 1965. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Sprankles. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Norma (Perry) Zent and Dewey Zent, of Warren.

Jerry graduated from Bluffton High School in 1983. He was a dedicated employee, working for Alro Steel in Fort Wayne for over 40 years. He will be remembered for his love of his family as a devoted father, son, and brother.

In addition to his mother and stepfather, Jerry is survived by a son, Nicholas Sprankles of Bluffton; a daughter, Leslie Sprankles of Bluffton; a brother, Joe (Loris) Sprankles of Convoy, Ohio; two sisters, Angela Sprankles (Chad Brown) of Fort Wayne and Alesia Bacon of Bluffton; along with his black lab Midnight.

Aside from his father, Jerry was preceded in death by an infant brother, Timothy.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Goodwin – Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton

has been entrusted with the arrangements.

In honor of Jerry's love for Midnight, memorial contributions may be made to the Wells County Friends of the Shelter.



BUTTERFIELD

Merrill LaMarr Butterfield, 81, of Warren, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, October 25, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 12, 1943, to Justus and Mable Butterfield.

Merrill was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Josephine Butterfield; and an infant sister.

He is survived by his loyal dog and best friend, Jack; daughters Ramona Harshbarger of Warren, Indiana, and Rochelle (Michael) Myers of Indialantic, Florida; and son Lynn Butterfield of Douglasville, Georgia. He was also blessed with a granddaughter, Justina Myers (Richard Wood); a great-granddaughter, Capri Wood of Melbourne, Florida; and a grandson, Justus Myers (Haley Chittwood) of Fairbanks, Alaska. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Merrill worked at Dunbar Furniture for 35 years, drove semis for AG Best, and also worked for DeWeese's in Warren.

He was always active in his community and made time for people—always visiting, lending a hand, or simply sharing a kind word. Merrill had a kind heart and was known for his thoughtfulness and genuine care for others. He loved to travel and seek new adventures. His tinkering spirit brought life back to "old or broken things," and he found joy in fixing anything that came his way.

Merrill was a founding member and lifetime member of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association and an active member of The Church at McNatt.

He was also a member of the Goldwing Road Riders Group, which added to his adventures as he traveled throughout the United States on his beloved Goldwing motorcycle.

Passionate about helping others, Merrill spent many years collecting pull tabs and supplies for the Ronald McDonald House, proudly reaching over 1,000 pounds in donations.

He will be remembered for his generous heart, adventurous spirit, and unwavering willingness to help his neighbors and those in need. Merrill was known for making ice cream for Marie's Creamery fundraisers and for sharing many stories of his life's adventures.

A Prayer Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at The Church at McNatt.

Placement of ashes will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Indiana, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Ronald McDonald House and or The Church at McNatt

SMITH

Doris Maxine Smith, 76, of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

She was born on December 5, 1948, in Marion, Indiana, the daughter of Mart Adamson and Delores (Harrell).

On November 2, 1968, Doris married the love of her life, Lewis Ray Smith, at Central Christian Church. Together they shared a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and devotion to one another and their family.

Doris was a 1966 graduate of Eastbrook High School. She later returned to work within the same school community, where she proudly served for 19 years as a cook for Eastbrook Community Schools. She loved her job and the friendships she formed with coworkers, many of whom became lifelong friends.

Doris enjoyed the simple joys of life, watching hummingbirds and butterflies from her patio, working on word search puzzles, cooking, and baking for those she loved. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and proud grandmother who treasured time spent with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Lewis Ray Smith; daughter, Tamara (Steve) Jackson; son, Travis (Ashley) Smith; sister, Marta (Charlie) Haynes; five grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Hank.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at Van Buren Cemetery, with Steve Nevius officiating. Family and friends are welcome to join.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy Funeral Homes.

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but it can be overwhelming. Start with the basics: what you can afford, how you plan to use the vehicle, what size you need, and gas mileage."

If you're financing a car, know your interest rate, total amount financed, monthly payments, and whether there are prepayment penalties. Consider the loan length—while longer terms like 84 months may lower monthly payments, they can cost more over time. Also, educate yourself about the aftermarket products and services that may be purchased with your vehicle and ask questions at the time of closing if you are unclear.

Industry trends also play a role. Reports from Edmunds and Kelley Blue Book show car prices remain high, with average transaction prices rising year over year. "New car prices are at some of their highest levels in the last decade," said Meganck. "That's why longer financing terms are becoming more common."

Leasing may be a smart alternative for those who don't keep cars long term. "Understand what's happening in the market and how that ties into the monthly budget you've already created," Lyles added.

To stay within budget, explore manufacturer incentives and promotions, understand the fine print, and know your credit score—it can impact your interest rate and loan terms.

Research is more important than ever. Today's buyers often visit up to 11 websites before stepping into a dealership. "It's not surprising to get customers who are as informed as the people

selling the cars," said Lyles. Dealerships also use AI tools to adjust pricing based on market conditions, so being informed helps you spot a fair deal.

Take your time at the dealership. Test drive vehicles, use services like Carfax for used cars, and research warranties. "Give yourself time to evaluate your options," Lyles advised.

While traditional timing strategies like month-end shopping are less effective today, seasonal trends still offer opportunities. Spring sees higher demand due to tax refunds, while summer holidays may bring discounts. Fall is ideal for new model clear-outs, and winter can offer deals on convertibles and used inventory.

More car-buying advice and tips for your money can be found by visiting Wells Fargo Stories at stories.wf.com.

"Do your research, understand what you can afford, pre-plan options, and you have a great chance of having a pleasant car-buying experience," Meganck said.

COUGH NOT GOING AWAY? LEARN THESE TOP FACTS ABOUT BRONCHIECTASIS

(StatePoint) Getting the correct treatment for bronchiectasis, a chronic lung condition affecting 350,000 to 500,000 adults nationwide, is necessary to slow disease progression and help prevent further damage to the airways.

The American Lung Association, with support from Boehringer Ingelheim, is raising awareness about the need for early diagnosis and treatment of bronchiectasis. Here are the top things to know:

Bronchiectasis is chronic. Bronchiectasis is a lifelong, progressive lung condition where the walls of your airways (bronchi) are permanently damaged, becoming widened and thickened from inflammation and infection. Getting the correct treatment as early as possible can help improve health outcomes and quality of life.

Diagnosis is often delayed. Two of bronchiectasis's hallmark symptoms are daily cough and daily production of mucus. Because these symptoms, along with shortness of breath, fatigue and chest pain, can mirror that of other lung conditions, bronchiectasis may have a delayed diagnosis. Further complicating matters, people often have bronchiectasis along with other lung conditions. However, it requires a separate diagnosis and its own specialized treatment plan. Nellie R. has had asthma since childhood and started having repeated infections as an adult. "After being prescribed inhalers and other medications to treat infections, I realized that something wasn't right. Having my bronchiectasis mistaken for other lung conditions made me realize that you have to advocate for yourself when you know you aren't getting better

with your current treatment plan," she says.

Disease management is critical. People with bronchiectasis often fall into a cycle where a respiratory infection triggers airway inflammation, which then causes further lung damage. To interrupt this cycle, follow your treatment plan: take medication as prescribed, utilize learned airway clearance techniques and take steps to reduce flare-up risk.

Jean R. was diagnosed with bronchiectasis after already living with and being treated for COPD. When it comes to managing both she says, "I manage my COPD, see my pulmonologist regularly and check in to make sure that my bronchiectasis is not progressing."

You can decrease your risk of flare-ups. While you can't control everything about your environment and health, there are steps you can take to help prevent bronchiectasis flare-ups. These include:

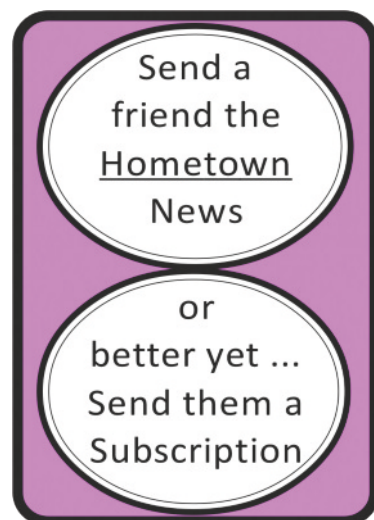
- Avoiding exposure to toxic fumes
- Staying healthy by avoiding those sick with respiratory infections and keeping up to date with recommended vaccinations
- Staying hydrated to help thin your mucus
- Following your treatment plan
- Leading a healthy lifestyle

Nellie works closely with her pulmonologist to stay on top of her treatment plan, stating, "It's important to find out from your specialist what your medications are and why they are important to take. I am able to stay active and do the things I enjoy because I follow my treatment plan."

There are many causes. Although the cause of bronchiectasis is not known in about 40% of cases, it is often brought on by damage from another condition that affects the lungs. An airway blockage, like a growth or noncancerous tumor, can lead to bronchiectasis. Often linked to cystic fibrosis, many other conditions can trigger bronchiectasis, such as autoimmune disease, immunodeficiency disorders, COPD, inflammatory bowel diseases and recurring infections like pneumonia, tuberculosis, pertussis and fungal infections.

Bronchiectasis resources, including information about symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, can be found by visiting lung.org/bronchiectasis.

While there is no cure for bronchiectasis, working closely with your pulmonologist to address needs specific to this condition can help you breathe better.



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