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Thought for the Week: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. Ralph Waldo Emerson

### EARN FREE TICKET

The Pulse Opera House will be presenting the play The Orphan Train from April 21 to May 7. The theater is teaming up with Warren Public Library to help children earn a free ticket for any performance of the play.

Children just need to read one book on the subject to earn their ticket. But, if they would like to treat Mom or Dad, they can read a second book to receive one adult ticket. Books are on display and available at the Warren Library. They are sorted and shelved by reading level and both fiction and non-fiction are available.

An Evergreen library card is required to check out a book. If your child is not a resident of the town of Warren or Salamonie Township, but is a student in the Huntington County Community School system, they may obtain a free student card at the library. With this card, valid for a year, the student may check out age appropriate books only; no DVDs. Please bring proof of the child's enrollment to apply for the card. This may be student ID, a print out, or a note from the school office.

### BAKED POTATO DINNER

A Baked Potato Dinner will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at City Life Switchup Youth Center, 100 N 1st St, Van Buren, IN. For a free will donation you will get toppings, Drink and Dessert included with your potato. Dine or Carry Out.

All proceeds to benefit the Switchup Building Fund.

### NATIONAL REUNION

Olivia, North Carolina - The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and our 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 - 24, 2023; visit [www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10](http://www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10) on the web, send an email to [2ida.pao@charter.net](mailto:2ida.pao@charter.net) or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

### GROWMARK SCHOLARSHIPS

GROWMARK, Inc. announces a revamped scholarship program for 2023. The GROWMARK Foundation will provide 55 scholarships of \$2,000 each to students pursuing agriculture and business-related degrees or certificates at colleges, universities, and technical schools in the United States and Ontario, Canada.

"GROWMARK and the FS member cooperatives are strong supporters of youth leadership education and this is one more way we can contribute to the future of agriculture," says Amy Bradford, GROWMARK corporate communications manager and GROWMARK Foundation manager.

At the time of application, students must be high school seniors or the equivalent of and enrolled in a university, community college, or technical school for fall 2023, or continuing students enrolled in good standing at a university, community college, or technical school. Scholarships will be scored

by a committee comprised of industry professionals outside of the GROWMARK System.

The 2023 GROWMARK Foundation Scholarship Application may be found <https://form.jotform.com/230585564689169>. The application deadline is May 12, 2023.

Over the last year, GROWMARK has contributed almost \$1 million to community initiatives through its charitable organization, The GROWMARK Foundation. These funds have supported more than \$200,000 in scholarships, \$400,000 in matching funding to ag initiatives across North America, and more than \$70,000 to Ag in the Classroom programs.

GROWMARK is an agricultural cooperative serving almost 400,000 customers across North America, providing agronomy, energy, facility engineering and construction, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services. Headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois, GROWMARK owns the FS trademark, which is used by member cooperatives. More information is available at [growmark.com](http://growmark.com).

The GROWMARK Foundation was formally incorporated in 2005 and supports 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organizations. The Foundation is focused on programs and activities which support: the vitality of the industry of agriculture; agriculture education and

consumer understanding of agriculture's contributions to society and the economy; agricultural leadership development; and education about the benefits of the cooperative way of doing business. The GROWMARK System has been involved in a variety of philanthropic efforts, including youth and young leader education and development and scholarships, for decades.

### WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Indiana is no stranger to storms. Snow and ice happen each winter, then in the summer, extreme heat can alter outdoor plans. Even though Hoosiers experience this kind of weather often, they cannot get complacent.

That is why Governor Eric J. Holcomb proclaimed March 12-18 Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Each year, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) collaborates with the National Weather Service during Severe Weather Preparedness Week to remind and educate Hoosiers about seasonal severe weather threats and how to prepare effectively for them.

"This week reminds us that we all have a role in preparing for severe weather, whether we're emergency responders, community leaders or simply concerned citizens," said Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran.

All Hoosiers should learn the best practices to stay safe, save lives and recover from Indiana's severe weather.

IDHS encourages all families, schools and workplaces to make tornado safety plans. You can practice these plans during the statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 14.

Throughout the week, IDHS will share severe weather safety tips on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Follow IDHS and use the hashtags #SevereWx and #SWPW.

### SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter will be having a Drive-Thru Luncheon Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 11 to 1. Baked Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and desserts.

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their March Business Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center.

Claudia Boxell opened the meeting with 15 members present and repeating our Pledge. Members present were Sondra Zabel, Victoria Thompson, Jamie Straley, Pam Rudy, Susan Ralston, Beth Ostermeyer, Shelly Melchi, Tara Korporal, Kelly Jones, Carol Irick, Sharon Gebhart, Dawn Fowler, Lorie Fiock and Sandy Booher. Roll call was answered by "Take a trip to the beach or Snow Skiing."

Recording Secretary, Tara read the minutes from our February meeting.

Dawn read the Treasurer's report.

Victoria, Organizer, stated she had made contact with a prospective member. We voted to help a couple of families in the community.

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*Trevia's*  
**Recipe Box**  
 by Trevia Flemming

This week is St. Patty's day and mom always said, if you're planting peas in your garden, you always plant them on St. Patty's day. So everyone, don't forget to plant your peas.

I take the easier approach, I buy frozen peas. To me you can't tell the difference. John suggested some creamed peas on the menu sometime soon, so I might just save them for when he will be home healing that hip, which surgery is set for April. He and I both can't wait for it to get here.

I usually fix a Irish meal every year, but this year it snuck up on me and I was at the grocery before I realized I needed stuff for our meal. So it might just be Shepards pie this year for St. Patty's day. But in the past I have fixed an all out Irish fest which included Irish beef stew, Irish soda bread, and Guinness chocolate cake with Baileys Irish Cream frosting. So I'll share with you the Irish beef stew recipe and don't forget to wear your green or you will get a pinching.

**IRISH BEEF STEW**

- 3 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 lb. beef stew meat
- 3 med. Potatoes peeled and chunked
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 4 c. low sodium beef broth
- 2 med. Carrots, peeled and cut into rounds
- 1 -16oz bottle of Guinness beer
- 2 stalks celery chopped
- 2 tsp thyme, fresh
- Salt and pepper
- Parsley for garnish

In a large dutch oven over medium heat, heat 2 tbsp oil. Season beef with salt and pepper, then add to pot and cook on all sides until seared, 10 minutes working in batches if necessary. Transfer beef to a plate.

In same pot, add remaining 1 tbsp oil and cook onion, carrots and celery until fragrant, about 1 minute

Add beef back to the dutch oven, then add potatoes, broth, beer and thyme then scrape the bottom of the pot to release the fond (browned bits at the bottom). Bring to a boil then immediately reduce heat to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and let simmer until beef and potatoes are tender, about 30 minutes. Garnish with parsley

Happy St. Patty's Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

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| <p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             8013W 1100S-90, Montpelier<br/>             Nick Miller, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             8924S 900W 35<br/>             Harold Smith, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             Steve Nevius, Pastor<br/>             Denise Heiniger, S.S. 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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/>             8888S 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/>             Ekklesia ..... 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</p> <p>Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wed. Midweek Service ..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST</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</p> <p>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 UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124<br/>             Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"<br/>             Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.<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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>             765-934-1431<br/>             Pastor Brad Hensley<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:30 am<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:30am<br/>             Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm<br/>             Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm<br/>             UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm<br/>             Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am<br/>             Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm<br/>             www.vanburenumc.org</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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Editor, Beth passed the sheet for Alpha Bits News and read a letter from our International Editor Susan Nell.

Counselor, Pam had not received any scholarship forms as of yet.

Lorie, Finance Chairman, reported on her balance. We will be doing Bingo at the Salamonie Summer Festival on July 1st.

Claudia read correspondence from Lisa Collins, Alpha Province President. Birthday's for this month are Beth Ostermeyer, Pam Rudy, Sharon Gebhart and Jamie Straley. We have 68 registrations for Province.

We will also be having dinner Friday March 17th with the Province officers at the Essenhaus.

Claudia closed our meeting with prayer until we meet Tuesday April 4, 2023.

**CHAUTAUQUA**

14 Members and 10 guests attended the March 3, 2023 Chautauqua Club meeting held at the United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. President Sharon Gebhart led reciting our Club Collect to open the meeting and welcomed everyone on a windy, rainy afternoon! Roll Call answered the question "What are your pleasures of the coming Spring?" Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. The meeting was then turned over to Mary Sell and Kitty Throop for a very interesting program.

Everyone singing the hymn "I Love To Tell The Story", accompanied by Mary Sell, provided a good introduction to Kitty's reflections from the book "Imagine Heaven" written by John Burke containing "Near Death Experiences (NDE), God's Promises, and the

Exhilarating Features that awaits you."

Kitty opened her presentation by stating that it was the most exciting, inspiring, uplifting, encouraging, and comforting book she has read in years with over a million copies already sold! One of the many authors, professors of Philosophy, and Pastors who wrote glowing recommendations of this excellent book stated "this is the 'go-to book' on Near Death Experiences" not only for laymen but for those in seminaries and Christian colleges. It was a sheer joy to read, share.

Near Death Experiences were rarely heard of until the 1970's when a few courageous people wrote about their incredible experiences when they were clinically dead, then resuscitated. Times vary widely, from minutes to hours, but although each experience is unique, the same general pattern is reported; an out of their physical body experience, often observing their own body from a distance, often witnessing effort to resuscitate their body, feelings of incredible pain; sometimes going through a tunnel toward a bright light; meeting a welcome committee of previously deceased relatives and

friends; being in the presence of a 'Being of Light' (often Jesus) who radiates Love and Light as never before experienced; Having a Life Review, realizing that how we react toward others--love, kindness, forgiveness, patience—needs to be our #1 priority in life. Also, they learn that they need to return to earth even though they prefer to stay in Heaven because of their powerful feelings of peace, joy and love enveloping them. However, their "time has not yet come."

Most Doctors were very skeptical about these experiences, but when challenged to ask their patients who had been resuscitated if they remember anything, they found out that many patients were able to describe exactly what the Doctors were doing to try to resuscitate them while they were clinically dead!

Even little children reported details they couldn't possibly have known.

Most patients, unless asked, were hesitant to share their NDE experiences for fear of being considered crazy. As doctors learn more about resuscitation, more patients are having NDE's all around the world! Studies have been done in Holland, India, and many more in America have been documented. As a result, extensive study and

research has been done and multiple articles in medical journals and books have been published. One study with patients who had been blind from birth found that they reported "seeing" and experiencing the same things that sighted patients experienced. However, they were not able to distinguish color because they had not learned what color was. They described beautiful colors of what they saw as having variations of brightness. Most of those having NDE stated that what they saw and heard and experienced of Heaven was beyond their ability to describe in earthly terms! Their lives were profoundly affected with a deeper sense of meaning, purpose and direction. The Love, Beauty, Glory, Joy, and Light of Heaven are described as outshining

anything of, or on this earth — including music, scenery, flowers, trees, grass, rivers, mountains, relationships, and even animals. There is no death, pain, or sorrow; there are infinite learning opportunities and tasks to do.

One 5 year old girl told her Doctor when he looked doubtful about what she was telling him, "Don't worry, Doctor, Heaven is fun!"

It should be noted that a Dr. Raymond Moody coined the term "Near Death Experience" (NDE) after hearing a Dr. of Psychiatry Dr. George Ritche lecture on his own NDE. Later, after collecting accounts of others, he wrote the book 'Life after Life' in 2001. After reading this book, he put away his doubt and skepticism but decided to use his analytical mind studying about God and

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Mar 15	7:00p	V - Town Council @ Town Hall
Mar 17		ST PATRICK'S DAY
Mar 20		FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!!
Mar 20	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Apr 5	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Apr 5	7:00p	V - Town Council @ Town Hall
Apr 7		GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 9		EASTER
Apr 10	6:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;  
 Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC  
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authored the book *Imagine Heaven*. "This is an outstanding book to read."

Members attending were: Carmen Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Sharon Gebhart, Jean Grasmik, Linda Howell, Karen Huntcutt, Suellen Jones, Bonnie Meyers, Sandy Schwarzkopf, Mary Sell, Ann Spahr, Sandy Thompson, Kitty Throop, Eva Witkamp, and our guests.

Next meeting will be April 7, 2023.

### AIRLINE TRAVEL TO ARIZONA

by Larry Ryan

Our flight from Indianapolis to Phoenix was delayed 5 1/2 hours. It was originally scheduled to depart at 7:52 am. After waiting on the tarmac for 45 minutes, we were instructed to de-board with all the carry-on luggage. Likewise, the large suitcases in the belly of the airplane were also removed by baggage handlers. The passengers were informed that there was low oil pressure in the front landing gear mechanism. The young-looking pilot decided that he did not want to land nose-first in Phoenix, so we waited for a mechanic from Chicago to fly in for inspection. Lunch vouchers were given.

From the window of the terminal, we watched the mechanic take a look at the

front landing assembly, immediately place his hands on his hips, shake his head left & right as though nothing physically was wrong with the landing structure, and gave a thumbs-up to travel! I was awarded the window seat as the third person politely decided to take the aisle location. This gave me the option of seeing the world fly by! From that elevation, the terrain west of Indianapolis quickly changed from crop land to forested cover. The aircraft crossed the Wabash River at 1:50 pm. The next view was geometric plots of farmland and an occasion reservoir in eastern and central Illinois. We flew through some light, hazy clouds with only minor turbulence. The only forested areas were small, tree-lined creeks.

By 1:20, a bed of cotton-ball textured clouds blocked out the ground. And soon a thick, white cloud mass that I imagined was the image of the North & South Poles was adjacent to us. The Mississippi River was not sighted due to nature's covering. Clouds changed to clumps and appeared to be floating icebergs. Another airplane sped by heading east leaving a small jet stream.

At 1:30, a serpentine pattern of vegetation was spotted with farm land squeezed in

between. To the north was a long, thin, flat cloud that extended beyond view. By 2 pm, crop fields almost completely disappeared and the landscape reminded me of ranch land. Was this Oklahoma? My wife thought that she saw a windmill. Really; from her middle seat at this elevation? Was her oxygen level dropping? No, the emergency oxygen tubes did not drop automatically from the ceiling.

At 2:20 pm, (cell phones changed automatically in different time zones) two large highways, more towns, a winding river, and finally round, crop fields appeared. Were we in Colorado or the panhandle of Texas? One round field had to cover a square mile. Usually these are irrigated crop lands.

At 1:40 pm we passed over snow-covered mountains and some brownish ones. "Dirty snow?" Or bad eyesight! To the north was snow-covered peaks of taller mountains. Were we in New Mexico? No painted, state boundary lines were visible! Onward was a flat land area that resembled a desert. Beyond that was forested mountains with misshaped canyons going in all directions. An architect could

not duplicate that pattern! Next at 2:15 was a lonesome lake, scattered snow areas, and very few roads.

At 2:20, I saw a brief, bright reflection of a grounded, metallic object before we flew into dancing clouds which simulated a snow blizzard. This engulfment of clouds quickly dissipated but suddenly returned for a second round of isolation. Ground was spotted briefly at 2:30 before the aircraft elevated above the clouds fifteen minutes later.

By 3 pm we were over more desert or deserted land. My ears popped. The pilot was starting the descent towards Phoenix. Forested areas with valleys interrupted the desert terrain. This geography reminded me of an aerial view of Tennessee. As the airplane descended, the nearby mountains seemed to increase in height.

A closer view of the ground revealed vegetable fields, multiple housing subdivisions, intertwining highways, moving vehicles, water-filled canals, and of course, golf courses. We arrived at 3:35 pm.

### MAKING SENSE OF COLLEGE COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

(StatePoint) That moment when your child receives an acceptance letter to a coveted college is a time to feel pride in their achievements and excited about their future. It's also a time to make sense of the school's price tag. That's where financial award letters come into play.

"You'll receive an award letter from each school your student was accepted to listing all the details of the financial aid package," says Angela Colatriano, College Ave Student Loans. "This information helps you figure out what's covered and how much your family is expected to pay."

Unfortunately, if you're like many parents, you may not be prepared for everything you read in these award letters. In a recent College Ave Student Loans survey, only 30% of parents who received award letters said they received as much aid as they expected, and 74% said they found the expected family contribution surprisingly high. Colatriano also notes that because the layout of these letters varies from school to school, it can be hard to compare their terms.

To help you decipher your financial aid award letters and figure out how to pay for college this fall, consider these tips and insights:

- Sort grants and scholarships from other aid: If your child was awarded a federal grant or scholarships from the college, they will be listed on your award letter. These do not need to be repaid and are applied directly to the school's tuition. You can also pursue outside scholarships. One easy one to apply for is the College Ave \$1,000 monthly scholarship sweepstakes. Encourage your student to apply for scholarships year-round, as every little bit helps.

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2. Delve into federal aid: The award letters will show you if your student qualified for the Federal Work-Study program. Likewise, schools will list any federal student loans you're eligible to receive. Don't forget to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year to qualify.

3. Meet the gap: If after accounting for grants, scholarships and federal aid there is still a gap between school costs and what you can afford, consider how you can reduce costs or get more funding. For example, you may reconsider your choice of school or have your student take on a part-time job. You might also want to shop around for a private

student loan. If you do so, make sure you borrow only what you need. Also, look for a lender offering favorable terms, repayment options and interest rates. College Ave Student Loans offers resources to help you navigate paying for college, including a student loan calculator to show what your monthly payments could

look like. To learn more, visit CollegeAve.com.

4. Look before you leap: Remember that most types of financial aid come with terms and conditions. For example, a scholarship may require a student to maintain a certain GPA for it to be renewed the following semester. Federal and private loans will have

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SHARPE

Rick L. Sharpe, 62 of Poneto, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, March 7, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on July 28, 1960 in Wells County, Indiana to Rollie L. Sharpe and Lavelle Marie (Bower) Nierman.

Rick graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1978. He enjoyed gardening and was always ready to set out on a trip or vacation, or attend a concert with his wife, Susie. Rick loved animals, especially his dog, Buddy.

On June 1, 1985 in Roanoke, Rick and Susan (White) Sharpe were married.

Survivors include his wife Susie of Poneto along with his faithful dog, Buddy. He is also survived by 3 sisters; Alice (Jeff) Coratti of Bluffton, Teresa Coratti of Berne, April Watson of Liberty Center and a brother, Larry (Anita) Sharpe of Warren. He was a proud uncle to 10 nieces & nephews; Joshua Coratti, Justin Coratti, Julie (Josh) Gregg, Kaci Coratti, Cody (Mikala) Watson, Summer Coratti, Taylor Coratti, Madison Watson, Mackenzie Sharpe and Spencer Sharpe, along with 10 great-nieces & nephews.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, twin sisters, Cammie & Tammie Sharpe, his step-father, Wendell Nierman, and a nephew Clayton Watson.

As Rick requested, there will be no service at this time. Memorials may be made in Rick's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Friends of the Wells County Animal Shelter and can be sent to the funeral home.

Rick arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family-Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton

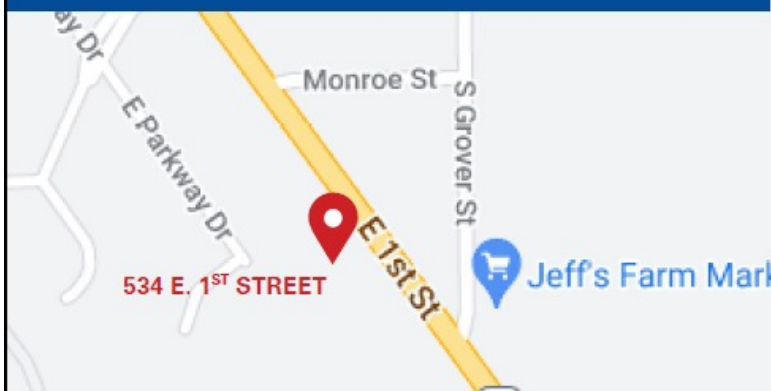


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interest rates and repayment terms. Before accepting or pursuing any type of financial aid, be sure you understand what's involved.

5. Get assistance: When in doubt, don't be afraid to reach out to your school's financial aid office for assistance. They are a great resource to help you and your family navigate the financial aid process.

"With so many competing financial pressures, it's more important than ever for college-bound families to understand the ins and outs of their financial aid offers and what they're responsible to cover each year," says Colatriano.

**HAVE A BUMP ON YOUR FOOT? DON'T IGNORE IT**

(StatePoint) Have a lump or bump on your foot? Whether it's painful or not, it could potentially signal a serious condition. Foot and ankle surgeons warn it's important to have it checked out, no matter its size or location on your foot.

"Whether your bump or lump is pea-sized or golf ball-sized, it should not go ignored. A proper diagnosis is key to proper treatment," says Michael Coyer, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and a Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

According to ACFAS, here's what to know about some of the more common types of lumps found in the foot:

**Ganglionic Cysts**  
This soft, fluid-filled sac is a non-cancerous bump that experts believe may arise from single or repetitive trauma. A ganglionic cyst can be caused by a leaking of jelly-like fluid from the "capsule" surrounding a joint or tendon and may be located on the top of the foot, near an ankle joint or even on the side of the foot. While the lump itself is often the only symptom experienced, you may feel tingling or burning if it's touching a nerve, or a dull ache if it's

pressing against a tendon or joint. Often, ganglionic cysts cause irritation, making it difficult to wear shoes. Such cysts generally will not go away on their own and may return, even after being drained. Surgical removal by a foot and ankle surgeon can help prevent recurrence. However, if the cyst is not causing pain and doesn't interfere with walking, your surgeon may simply monitor it over time.

**Plantar Fibromas**  
Plantar fibromas are benign, fibrous, hard nodules found within the ligament of the foot and are especially common in the arch area on the bottom of the foot. These bumps tend to be less than an inch in diameter but can get larger over time. They can cause pain when shoes push against them or when you're walking or standing barefoot. Steroid injections, physical therapy or orthotic devices may help relieve associated discomfort but will not make the fibroma disappear. While surgical removal is an option

if pain persists following nonsurgical approaches, it's important to know that recurrence can occur post-surgery, as can complications, such as a flattening of the arch or the development of hammertoes.

**Haglund's Deformity**  
Haglund's deformity, sometimes called a "pump bump," is a bony enlargement on the back of the heel. When it rubs against shoes -- from high-heeled pumps to running shoes -- the soft tissue near the Achilles tendon can become irritated. This often leads to painful bursitis, an inflammation of the fluid-filled sac between the tendon and bone. While certain foot structures are more prone to Haglund's deformity, you can treat the condition and help prevent recurrence with appropriate footwear, arch supports, orthotic devices and stretching exercises. Physical therapy, icing and NSAIDs can also reduce inflammation.

Sometimes, Dr. Coyer notes, a bump is suspected of being

cancerous. In this case, your foot and ankle surgeon will perform a biopsy and if it is indeed cancer, will perform surgery to remove the mass, working in tandem with an oncologist for cancer treatment.

For more information on foot bumps or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeon's patient education website.

"Remember, the sooner we're able to properly evaluate your bump, the sooner you can have peace of

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