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Thought for the Week: It's not the will to win that matters...everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters. Paul "Bear" Bryant

WBSL REGISTRATION

Don't forget to get your Warren Baseball/Softball League registrations in. The online registration can be found at warrenweeklyindiana.com/wbsl.

PARADE ENTRIES

The 2026 Salamonie Summer Festival Parade entry forms can be submitted online at warrenweeklyindiana.com/parade. Be a part of the fun!

TASTE OF WARREN

The 2026 Taste of Warren is going to be another amazing event filled with great food, fine spirits, entertaining music, and fun raffle items! If you enjoyed last year's event, you'll love what we have planned for 2026. This year's event will be on April 18, 2026 from 7 to 9 pm at Dash 90 Wines.

The Taste of Warren will highlight local food and drink establishments, including East of Chicago Pizza, El Guero, Son-Rise Bakery, and Wagon Wheel Café. In addition, there will be wine, wine slushies, and beer.

Entertainment for the evening will feature live music by Rylie Lynn and the Acoustic Trio, adding the perfect atmosphere to enjoy great food, drinks, and time with friends.

This is the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce's biggest annual fundraiser. The money raised helps cover the cost of various downtown beautification projects, chamber-sponsored events, and chamber insurance.

Our sponsors are stepping up already and include Accent Interiors, Aerial AG, LLC, Bippus State Bank, Citizens

Telephone, East of Chicago Pizza, Glancy Funeral Homes, and Warren Service & Supply.

Our community supporters include Andy Eckert — Ness Bros., Elite Ag Solutions, Real Estate by Mandy, Metropolitan Title, Terry Miller, Century 21, and Warren Health & Fitness.

When businesses like yours make a substantial investment in Chamber initiatives such as the Taste of Warren, it provides further proof that our community is a Small Town with a BIG HEART.

Tickets for this popular event are limited and tend to sell quickly, so be sure to secure yours early and join us for a fun evening supporting the Warren community.

Tickets on Sale Now! Purchase tickets for \$50 at Bippus State Bank in Warren or purchase through the QR code.

Follow us on Facebook — Warren Area Chamber of Commerce — for updates on the Taste of Warren event.

For more information, contact Tammy Zehner at 260-375-2142 or tammyzehner@gmail.com

EGG HUNT

Be sure to get the Warren Easter Egg Hunt marked on your calendars if you have kiddos!

The Warren Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Warren Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am sharp at the Knight Bergman Center.

ENTRANCE CLOSED

On or around March 16, the entrance road to Ouabache State Park will be closed from County Road 100 South to the Civilian Conservation Corps

(CCC) worker statue area for culvert replacements. The project is expected to last until around April 10.

Visitors can access the park by taking C.R. 100 South to S.R. 301, then turning onto Wenger Court.

VOLUNTEER EXPO

The Volunteer Center will host its annual Get Connected Volunteer Expo on Thursday, April 23 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Glenbrook Square Mall, 4201 Coldwater Road, in the lower level near the food court.

The Volunteer Expo provides a convenient opportunity for current volunteers—and those interested in getting involved—to connect with nonprofit and civic organizations serving the Fort Wayne community. Attendees will have the chance to meet directly with representatives from local agencies, learn about their missions, and explore current volunteer opportunities, all in one location. Approximately 50 organizations are expected to participate.

Visitors are encouraged to register upon arrival for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants, with drawings held every half hour. A fun bingo-style scavenger hunt has also been added to encourage attendees to visit participating booths.

"Volunteering is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen our community," said Executive Director Ani Etter. "The Volunteer Expo helps people discover where their time, talents, and passions can make the greatest impact while connecting them with organizations doing incredible work right here in our

community. There is a volunteer opportunity out there for you."

The Volunteer Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting volunteers with local agencies in need of support. Its signature programs—including Coats for Kids, VITA Tax Assistance, and the I CAN Service Team—help address critical needs facing low- to moderate-income households and vulnerable populations throughout the community.

FEES WAIVED, SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Purdue University Fort Wayne is thrilled to announce that starting March 17, the university will waive all application fees and enrollment deposits for domestic undergraduate students applying for Fall 2026. This initiative eliminates the standard \$30 application fee and the \$50 enrollment deposit, making it more accessible for students to pursue their academic goals at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

"At Purdue Fort Wayne, we believe that finances should never be a barrier to quality higher education," said Michelle Kuhlhorst, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management. "By waiving these fees, we are opening doors for more students to access the outstanding educational opportunities we offer. We want every student who is interested in earning a Purdue University degree right here in Fort Wayne to feel encouraged and supported in their journey."

In addition to the fee waivers, students with a high

school GPA of 2.5 or higher—or a transfer GPA of 2.5 or higher—are also eligible for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 annually. This is another way Purdue Fort Wayne is working to remove barriers and make higher education accessible to everyone.

The university invites all prospective students to take advantage of these opportunities and join a community dedicated to academic excellence and student success.

For more details on how to apply and qualify for scholarships, visit pfw.edu/admissions.

FIELD TRIP GRANTS

Educators interested in taking K-12 students on field trips to an Indiana State Park property in the 2026-2027 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF).

Grants from the Discover the Outdoors field trip grant program are available for all K-12 educators.

"Spending time in our state parks is a favorite pastime and something that every student in Indiana should experience," said Governor Mike Braun. "This grant helps teach students about Indiana's natural heritage through our forests, lakes, and other unique natural areas, and I encourage schools to apply."

Since the grant program's inception in 2013, a total of 355 grants have been awarded, providing the opportunity for more than 30,800 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students.

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Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Fleming

Tried a new recipe and it's a popular item at a chain restaurant. I was very impressed with it and decided I would share with you.

HEARTY PASTA FAGIOLI

- 2 lb ground beef
- 6 - 14 1/2 oz cans beef broth
- 2 cans 28 oz each dice tomatoes undrained
- 2 - 26 oz jars spaghetti sauce
- 3 large onions, chopped
- 8 celery ribs, diced
- 3 med carrots, sliced
- 1 - 16 oz can kidney beans drained and rinsed
- 1 - 15 oz can cannellini beans drained rinsed
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 1/2 tsp pepper
- 11/2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 8 ounces uncooked medium shell pasta
- 5 tsp minced fresh parsley

In Large stock pot cook beef over medium heat till no longer pink, drain grease. Add all remaining items except pasta and parsley. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, simmer covered 30 minutes. Add pasta and parsley simmer covered until pasta is tender 10-14 minutes.

You can easily half the recipe and just use one can of beans. I served it with Italian grilled cheese sandwiches. Enjoy

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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm</p> |
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AREA NEWS

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“The Foundation’s mission is to celebrate and preserve Indiana’s natural legacy,” said Jody Kress, INRF executive director. “This grant gives children an adventure that showcases some of Indiana’s natural and cultural treasures and teaches the importance of protecting and preserving them for everyone to enjoy.”

Indiana has 24 state parks, eight state-managed lakes, two state recreation areas, and two off-road state recreation areas eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana's fish, forests, wildlife, natural habitats, conservation, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

“Field trips to Indiana state parks not only connect students to Indiana’s incredible natural and cultural resources but also instill great memories that they will carry into adulthood,” said Brandt Baughman, director of Indiana State Parks.

The maximum grant award is \$500 per application. The grant may cover the school’s transportation costs, program fees, and other applicable material costs.

Applications are accepted from March 15 – April 30 prior to the school year for which the grant is requested. Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than April 30.

Applicants will be notified by May 15 regarding potential grant awards. The grant application is at on.IN.gov/state-park-group-programs. Read more about the impact this grant has had at indiananrf.org/the-inrf-difference/education.

A video explaining the program is at youtu.be/uC4QjhsBLO8

The INRF is accepting donations to the fund from individuals, businesses, and

anyone else who supports the idea of getting kids outdoors. The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children. Donations can be made at indiananrf.org/donate.

For further information, email discoveroutdoorsgrants@dnr.IN.gov.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority met on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Knight Bergmann Center in Warren, IN.

Roll was called with three members absent.

We reviewed final plans for the baked steak luncheon that was held on March 8th and discussed plans for several members attending the annual meeting of chapters in our Province the weekend of March 20th.

We voted to donate \$100 to our International Sponsorship, which is “Do it for Daylen Foundation”, a foundation formed to help continue to fund important research so a cure can be found for a rare and aggressive type of brain tumor called DIPG.

The group also reviewed our designs for a new T-shirt for the chapter, and we will research shirt styles to make a decision at the next meeting.

Members were asked to submit their names for an office that they would like to hold as election of officers will be held soon with installation of officers planned for July.

Cards were sent to several members and chapters for birthdays, sympathy, and get well wishes.

Our next social meeting will be held March 17th, and the next business meeting will be held April 7th.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Circle was held on March 6, 2026 at the Warren First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Thompson. Vice President, Linda Howell led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

The minutes from the February 2026 meeting were read and approved. The roll call was taken with members answering the question, what is on your bucket list. Nancy Bonham expressed a thank you for the card she received. Concern was noted for Ann Spahr, who is now in the hospital. Sandy Thompson reported her eyes are better, and her vision is improved.

Carmen Anderson gave the treasure’s report. The balance is 189.08 and there were no expenses for last month.

There was no old business.

The Nominating Committee is: Bonnie Meyers, Jean Grasmick, and Eva Witkamp. A slate of officers will be presented at the April meeting.

Carmen Anderson presented the program, entitled, “The Unsolved Mystery of the word “Hoosier”. If you ask a Hoosier where that word comes from, you are likely to come away with any number of stories. But, Indiana Hoosiers are more than a famous movie or a basketball team. Growing up, most of us didn’t think much about the name. We just associate Indiana with Hoosiers.

About the earliest of the printing of the word was found in a column of the Indianapolis Journal, published in January 1830. Prior to that, the word “Hoosier” had been used with an implied meaning to Indiana residents. No one has ever tracked down exactly when the word “Hoosier” came to be used in Indiana. For well over a century and a half the people of Indiana have been called Hoosiers.

John Finley of Richmond wrote a poem, “The Hoosier’s Nest”, which was published in the Indianapolis Journal, January 1, 1833. Finley originally spelled the word Hoosier as “Hoosher”. In August 1833, former Governor James B. Ray, announced he would publish a newspaper in Greencastle, Indiana, called The Hoosier.

Different theories have been offered as to where the word “Hoosiers” originated, but it is still an unsolved mystery. The

theories listed are: Riverboat slang, Tavern slang from brawls, Early Frontier settlers, Immigrants from England who settled in southern Indiana, and a Black Preacher, Harry Hoosier, from the late 1700’s.

To explain the theories: Riverboat slang, a contractor named “Hoosier” preferred to hire labor men from Indiana. They were called Hoosiers’ Men. They were rough and uncouth, with rural toughness, and grit. The theory of Tavern slang came from stories of tavern brawls and popularized by the poet James Whitcomb Riley. The tale of a violent fight where an ear was severed, and a bystander asks the question, “Whose Ear?”---which sparked the nickname. Another theory, Early Frontier settlers, is a common folk tale. This theory attributes the Hoosier name to the early settlers. Their cabins were far apart from each other. When a visitor knocked on the door, the settler inside would respond, “Who’s yere?”. From that evolved into Hoosier. The fourth theory, Immigrants from England, came from the Indiana historian, Jacob Dunn, who traced the word back to “hoozer” in the Cumberland dialect of England. The immigrants are said to have brought the name with them when they settled in the hills of southern Indiana. The fifth theory, Harry Hoosier, was a preacher that was born into slavery. He became one of the most respected Methodist ministers of the late 1700’s. Unable to read or write, he

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Mar 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 20		FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!!!!
Apr 1	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Apr 1	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Apr 4	10:00a	W - Easter Egg Hunt @ KBC
Apr 4	12-2p	Dash 90 Kids Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 13	5:00p	W - Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Apr 14	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Apr 15	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
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

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traveled with other preachers. He gained recognition for his powerful sermons and the Indiana settlers were drawn to him. By being a follower of the preacher, Harry Hoosier, the settlers referred to themselves as Hoosier Followers.

Although the precise origin may remain unsettled, one fact endures that "Hoosier" quickly became inseparable from Indiana identity. Hoosiers carries more weight than a label for people born in Indiana. It signals resilience, pride, and community shaped by centuries of story telling. Historians concede that numerous theories exist about the origin of "Hoosiers", but whether one is true is still up for debate.

The next meeting is April 10, 2026 at the First Christian Church fellowship hall. The meeting was closed by President Sandy Thompson with the saying, "Time is not measured by the years that you live, but by the deeds that you do and the joy you give."

The hostesses, Millie Whiting and Jean Grasmick, served refreshments to: Carmen Anderson, Nancy Bonham, Sharon Gebhart,

Jean Grasmick, Robyn Groves, Linda Howell, Karen Hunnicutt, Suellen Jones, Bonnie Meyers, Sandy Schworzkopf, Mary Sell, Pam Stouffs, Sandy Thompson, Eva Witkamp, Betty Yoder, and guest Katie Mount.

SEASONS CHANGE

Dr. Glenn Mollette There aren't that many seasons of freedom in life. If you are in one, enjoy the season. When you are a child, you do as your parents say and go where they allow you to go. You are also tied to many, many years of school. You are free, free to go to school, study most of the time and do as your parents say. This season passes quicker than a person can imagine at the time. I remember being a freshman in high school and thinking that four years would take forever. I felt the same way about college, but the years rolled by quickly.

When we graduate from high school or college we breathe a sigh of relief momentarily and think, "Thank God we are free." Yes, we are free. Free to go to work. Free to marry. Free to have children. But wait, how much freedom is there when

we are working and providing for a family and taking care of babies? We are free, but with many responsibilities

A man once asked a Rabbi, a Priest and a Baptist minister this question, "When does life begin?" The Rabbi, said he believed life began at conception, the Priest said he believed life began at birth. The Baptist minister said, "Life begins when the last child leaves home and the dog dies."

Maybe you felt more freedom after your children were raised and were on their own. Unfortunately, some people never ever see their children totally raised as many stay dependent on the parent until the parent dies.

Let's say that your adult children are doing well and taking care of their kids. This is hopeful as too many grandparents end up raising their grandchildren. Your retirement years are now staring you in the face. You may be 45 to 55 years old. The word retirement is a bit scary because you are thinking, "How is this financially possible?" It's taking a fortune to retire. Thus, between the ages of 45 and 65 you are working hard to try to invest in a 401k, pay into Social Security and any other savings plan that you can. Try to start doing this in your very early twenties and it will alleviate a lot of pressure in your late fifties. Back again to your freedom. How much freedom do you have in this stage of life? You may take a vacation or two. Play some golf on the weekend, fish or pursue other

hobbies but your life is very regimented.

The day comes when you decide to retire. You retire. Now what?. A friend of mine said the great thing about retirement was that he could do whatever he wanted to do. The problem was that he couldn't afford to do much. Another friend once said when he retired, "I have all the money I need for the rest of my life, unless I buy something."

Retirement is not necessarily the golden window of freedom. Maybe for a while, but things happen. Your spouse may become sick and even debilitated. This changes the scenario. You may become a caregiver to your mother or father. They have no one else but you, so what are you going to do? Just dump them? An elderly parent may become like your child. You may be responsible for their total care. This could be the same for a spouse or even a child or other family members. In most cases this almost completely closes the window of doing much for

yourself. Vacations and recreational outings of almost any kind become nearly impossible. Of course, any of us can become sick and debilitated at any moment.

The point of all this is not to make anyone feel bad. The point is, don't take anything for granted. Enjoy everything. Enjoy your day trips, any outings and any vacations. Enjoy your day going to Walmart. Enjoy going to church. Enjoy it all, because seasons change. There is a time to weep and a time to dance. A time to mourn and a time to laugh. Enjoy it all, because seasons change.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist read in all fifty states. He is also the author of numerous books and can be heard each weekday morning on XM Radio 131



Southern Wells Elementary 2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration Open House



April 7, 2026
3:30pm - 6:00pm

- Enter door #20
- Bring Birth Certificate & Proof of Residency
- ★ Students are encouraged to attend
- ★ Tours will be offered
- ★ Sign up for screenings held in May

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BUCHANAN

Terry C. Buchanan, 67, of Liberty Center, passed away Thursday evening, Feb. 12, 2026.

Visitation will be 2-3:45 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2026, at Liberty Center Community Church, 2905 South Main St. in Liberty Center, followed immediately by a memorial service at 3:45 p.m. Pastor Anthony "Tony" Robles will officiate. Private family burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren at a later date.

FLAUGHER

Jack Lewis Flaughner, 88, of Liberty Center, Indiana, passed away on March 9, 2026, at Parkview Huntington Hospital.



He was born on November 18, 1937, in Huntington, Indiana, to Thomas Flaughner and Mabel (Leverson) Flaughner, both of whom preceded him in death.

Jack graduated from Huntington High School in 1955 and remained proud of his hometown throughout his life, honored to say, "Once a Vike, always a Vike." He was an accomplished athlete in both basketball and football and was honored with induction into the Huntington County Hall of Fame. Following high school, Jack built a long and dedicated career with Corning Glass Works, where his work allowed him to travel overseas, including time spent in Japan.

On August 10, 1957, Jack married Carolyn (Weaver) Flaughner. They shared many years together before her passing on September 12, 2023.

Jack enjoyed spending time with his family and especially loved fishing and hunting. He was also a proud dog owner and dearly loved his yellow lab, Brady.

He is survived by his children, Gary (Teresa Slusher) Flaughner, David (Tina Steele) Flaughner, Jill (Mike) Morrissey, and

Mitch Flaughner, and sister Cheryl (Robert) McKeown.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brad Flaughner, Dustin (Jodi Leamon) Flaughner, Mitch (Shawna Heard) Miller, Brittany (David) Morock, Brooke Flores, Nicole (Doug) Miller, Matt (Jordan Moore) Morrissey, Eliza (Zach) Guggenbiller, and Kevin (Kelsey) Flaughner; and great-grandchildren, Elise, Madi, Kennedy, Lexi Rae, Cale, Hattie, Eloise, Lynae, Sam, Dawson, Dean, Jed and one on the way.

In addition to his parents, and wife, Jack was preceded in death by his siblings, William Flaughner, Tom Flaughner, Charlotte Anders, and Ruth Kolb.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in Lancaster Cemetery in rural Huntington County, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Bluffton-Wells County Animal Shelter, with checks payable to Friends of the Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St., Bluffton, IN 46714.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, Indiana. To sign the online guestbook or leave a condolence for the family please visit www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

BAILEY

H. Van Bailey, II, age 81, of North Webster, IN, and formerly of Huntington, IN, passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, IN.

Van was born on December 24, 1944, in Saint Johns, MI, to the late Harold Van I and Bonnie (Ream) Bailey. His first marriage was to Patricia "Tish" Platt on June 1, 1970, and she preceded him in death on November 17, 1994. His second marriage was to Judy (Johnson) Lippe on February 3, 1996, and she survives.

Van graduated from Huntington North High School in 1963, where he distinguished himself as an

outstanding student-athlete. He excelled in basketball, football, and track, earning the respect of teammates, coaches, and the broader community for both his talent and determination. He continued his athletic career at Butler University with a full scholarship to play football and run track under the guidance of legendary coach Tony Hinkle.

After graduating from Butler in 1967, Van devoted his professional life to education. He served as principal at Huntington North High School for nearly 20 years. During his tenure, the school experienced remarkable academic growth and achievement, reflecting his strong commitment to excellence in education and student success. His leadership also supported the continued strength of the school's athletic programs, including state championship titles in girls' basketball and baseball.

Van was deeply involved in community service. As a member of the Huntington Rotary Club, he earned the organization's Distinguished Service Award and served as club president. In recognition of his contributions to education, he was honored as the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) State Principal of the Year in 2000.

His achievements in athletics were also recognized through his induction into the Huntington North High School Sports Hall of Fame and the Huntington Pal Club Hall of Fame. After retiring from education, Van enjoyed spending time at Lake Webster, where he remained active in community life and served as president of the Webster Lake Association. He was also a member of Saint Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Syracuse, Indiana.

Above all else, Van cherished his family. He was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather whose kindness, wisdom, and steady presence enriched the lives of those around him.

Van will be remembered for his dedication to students, his passion for athletics, his commitment to community service, and the lasting impact he made on generations of young people and colleagues. His legacy will live on through the many lives he touched.

Along with his wife, Judy, he is survived by two daughters, Kristin (Eric) May, Huntington, IN, Bridgette (Andy) Barker, Noblesville, IN; one stepdaughter, Michelle (Dan) Degnan, Westfield, IN; and three stepsons, Jon (Amy) Lippe, Claypool, IN, Chad (Jodi) Lippe, Huntington, IN, Jason (Ruth) Lippe, Carmel, IN. Van is also survived by one sister, Jane (David) Myers, Van Wert, OH; 18 grandchildren; Bryce, Liza (Jacob), Madelyn, Zach (Eve), Mandi, Josh, Charlie, Max, Sam, Danny, Michael (Aquaria), Nicholas (Lily), Scott, Stephanie, Mia, Luke, Brooke (Dakota), and Blake (Makayla); and two great-grandchildren; Bennett and Sadie.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Andy Barker officiating at McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN, 46750.

A private burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Van's memory to Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc., WLCA (Webster Lake Conservation Association) or Donor's Choice in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN.

KIDWELL

Joseph A. Kidwell, 45, known to those who cherished him as AJ, was born on a summer day in Marion on June 25, 1980.

His life, rooted deeply in the heartland, came to a close in Van Buren on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, leaving behind a tapestry of memories colored by laughter, love and an undeniable spirit of mischief.

AJ was a man of many facets. Professionally, he navigated his career with dedication and leadership, rising to the role of general manager at Dairy Queen, Gas City, and later regional manager at Wing Stop.

Yet, it was in his personal life where his true essence shone brightest. Those who knew him well remember his twisted sense of humor - an irrepressible appetite for pranks and practical jokes that could light up any room.

Famously, his brother once super glued AJ's foot to the floor, a testament to the lively, playful bond they shared, emblematic of AJ's infectious zest for life.

Beyond his wit and warmth, he was a devoted family man. His greatest joy was spending endless hours with his children - Lilly, his daughter, and his sons, Jacob Cuevas and Joseph Kidwell II. To them, he was not only a father but a steadfast companion, sharing in their laughter and guiding them with unwavering love.

AJ's wife, Cristina Kidwell, stood beside him through life's journey, their partnership a beacon of strength and affection.

His leisure moments often carried him to the tranquility of nature, where he found peace casting a line in quiet waters, indulging his love of fishing.

When indoors, AJ delighted in the immersive worlds of video games, a pastime that connected him to his children and friends alike, reflecting his playful and youthful spirit.

He was a cherished son to Carl Loftis Jr. and Natalie White, lovingly embraced also by his stepfather, Wesley White.

AJ's family circle extended to include his maternal grandparents, Larry and Judy Berry; his brother, Carl Loftis III; a nephew, Lincoln Loftis.

His life was further enriched by the presence of his mother-in-law, Ruth Cuevas; Diane Sailors, a beloved aunt whose fondness for him was unmistakable.

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AJ also carried the memory of Herman Cuevas, his father-in-law, with reverence in his heart.

The final moments for AJ will be remembered and honored on Monday, March 16, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. with a visitation at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd., Marion.

This gathering will lead into a funeral service in the same place at 1 p.m., a solemn yet heartfelt farewell befitting the man who left such indelible marks on all who knew him.

In an era often devoid of genuine connections, AJ's legacy is one of authenticity - a man who leaned into life's absurdities with a mischievous grin, embraced family with open arms and created memories that ripple like the waters he so loved to fish.

His story is etched forever in the hearts of those fortunate enough to call him husband, father, son, brother and friend.

Though AJ's voice has fallen silent, the echoes of his laughter and the warmth of his spirit remain, a gentle reminder that even the briefest lives can shine with enduring brilliance.

MILES

Donna Yencer Miles, 61, of Hartford City, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 12:00 PM on



Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at her home in rural Hartford City, surrounded by the comfort of those she loved.

Donna was born on March 14, 1964, in Hartford City, Indiana, to Joseph E. and Rosetta May (Beeks) Yencer. She graduated from Blackford High School in 1982 and went on to dedicate many years of hard work to H.P. Products, Key Plastics, and 3M, all in Hartford City.

Donna was a woman of incredible strength, perseverance, and faith. Throughout her life she faced many difficult health battles, yet she met each one with

courage and determination. In 2018, Donna bravely fought and overcame endometrial cancer. She had also lived with lupus for more than twenty years, showing remarkable resilience through the challenges it brought. Over the past year and a half, Donna fought a courageous battle with AML (acute myeloid leukemia). Through it all, she remained strong, determined, and deeply grateful for the love and support of her family and friends.

Faith was an important part of Donna's life. Over the years she attended Hopewell Church, Bethel Center Church, and Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene, finding comfort and strength in her faith.

Donna's greatest joy came from her family. She married the love of her life, Tony, on June 26, 1999 at 3:30 PM at Olive Branch Church of the Nazarene. Together Tony and Donna took on their lives proudest role, raising their granddaughter Mady. She poured into their relationship with unconditional love, strength, and guidance at every stage of Mady's life. She truly was a devoted wife, mother, mamaw, aunt, sister, and friend who cherished the time spent with those she loved. Her grandchildren especially held a special place in her heart, bringing her endless pride and happiness.

Donna loved spending time with her family and attending their activities and events. Her happiest moments were often the simple ones spent outdoors. She enjoyed sitting on the porch, mowing the yard, tending to her flower beds, bird watching, relaxing by the pool, and taking vacations to the beach. She also loved baking and cherished quiet moments at home, often taking naps alongside the family dog, Athena.

She is survived by her loving husband, Tony Miles of Hartford City; her sons, Larry Joe (Jessica) Whitesell III of Hartford City, Erik Whitesell of Hartford City, and Allen (Heather) Whitesell of Albany; her brothers and

sisters, Frank (Faye) Yencer of Liberty Center, Pat (Ron) Ferguson of Fort Wayne, Jim (Kim) Yencer of Montpelier, Jerry Yencer of Montpelier, Beth Fritts of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and Donny (Barb) Yencer of Hartford City, special niece, Stephanie and several nieces and nephews.

Donna was blessed with several grandchildren whom she dearly loved: Madysen, Aubrey, Caleb, Caiden, Tinley, Alivia, and Megan.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph E. Yencer; mother, Rosetta May (Beeks) Yencer; brothers, Joe Yencer Jr. and Charles Yencer; and sister, Wanda Yencer.

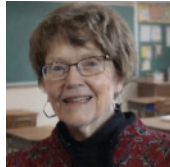
Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Monday, March 16, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and again on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, prior to the service.

A celebration of Donna's life will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home with her brother, Frank Yencer, officiating. Interment will follow at Hartford City Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Blackford County Cancer Society and/or Fair Haven Foundation, Inc., 1702 W. 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or by visiting FairHavenFoundation.org.

GROGAN

Velma (Jagger) Grogan, 88, of Heritage Pointe, Warren, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026.



Known for her engaging personality, fun-loving spirit and lively sense of humor, she was born on a farm outside of Camden, Mich., to Harry and Mary Jagger on March 23, 1937.

A twin, Velma was the youngest of five siblings.

From an early age, she loved reading.

Velma first attended school in a one-room schoolhouse whose students consisted

mostly of her siblings and cousins.

She graduated from Camden-Frontier High School with the following caption under her senior picture, "Live wires never get stepped on."

Velma earned a bachelor's degree in education from Huntington College, where she met and married Orin Grogan.

She started teaching at age 19 and found her passion as the kindergarten teacher at Converse Elementary School for more than two decades.

Velma's love of children and teaching extended beyond the classroom. For many summers, she and Orin were the unofficial parents of the staff at Oakwood Park, Syracuse.

She taught Sunday school, worked in the church nursery and delighted her many nieces and nephews by making Christmas ornaments with them.

Velma's handmade ornaments can still be found hanging on the Christmas trees of numerous family members.

She is survived by daughters, Gwen and Glenda, who will miss her fun and caring spirit; twin sister, Thelma Trueman; brothers, Albert Jagger and Norman (wife, Kay) Jagger; brother-in-law, Duane Baughman; many beloved nieces and nephews and their children.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Orin, who she cared for throughout his lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Kathryn Baughman, sister-in-law, Dorothy Jagger, and brother-in-law, Donald Trueman.

Services will take place at Heritage Pointe, Warren, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a celebration of life officiated by Pastor Brian Baughman.

Velma will be laid to rest at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, at a later date.

Contributions to her memory may be made to Heritage Pointe of Warren Activities

Department, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792.

Gwen and Glenda express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Heritage Pointe, Warren, and most especially to the staff of 1B, AAL and the activities department who have so lovingly cared for Velma throughout her journey with dementia.

SHLATER

Karen R. Shlater, 75, of Huntington, passed away at 2:34 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at her residence.

She was born on April 22, 1950, in Huntington, the daughter of Albert Forst and Nevada (Bunker) Forst.

Karen graduated from Huntington High School - Class of 1968.

She married Robert "Bob" Shlater on December 1, 1978, in Churubusco.

Karen loved horses. She enjoyed riding, showing and teaching others how to ride.

Survivors include her husband, Robert "Bob" Shlater, of Huntington; son, Brady (Lisa) Pavey, of Huntington; granddaughter, Chrystal (Curtis) Losure, of Marion; grandson, Zachery (Kelsey) Pavey, of Wendell, N.C.; two great-granddaughters, Autum and Aubree.

Karen is preceded in death by her father, Albert Forst, mother, Nevada Forst, and brother, Kent Forst.

To honor Karen's wishes, there will be no services at this time.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cancer Services of NE Indiana in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.



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