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Thought for the Week: Life is a long lesson in humility. James M. Barrie

DON'T FORGET!

The Circus is in town this weekend, Saturday, June 14th. Tent Raising and Tour at 9:30 at KBC, Midway Opens at 1 with performances at 2 and 4:30. Check the classifieds in this paper for ticket prices.

ART SHOW

Historic Warren Main Street will be sponsoring an Art Show in conjunction with the Salamonie Summer Festival July 4-6 in downtown Warren. We are looking for any kind of artwork, whether it is painting, drawing, photography, sewing, crochet, knitting, quilting, pottery, ceramics, or just anything that has been created by you, we would love to show your work off to the community. Please be sure it is family friendly; we have the right to not accept any art that is not. There will be a people's judging and a \$100.00 will be given to the winner.

Also, if you are into saving items and repurposing those items, then we have the category for you. The repurposed project is a category where you can take old items and breathe new life into them and create a new product. We will be having 3 categories, the 12 and under group, 13 and older group, and a business group. So, get to planning and fabricating your project and see if you can be the winner of \$25.00. We will award each category an award for the repurposed category.

All entries need to be brought to the Exchange building 201 N. Wayne street in Warren on Thursday July 3rd between 1 and 6 p.m. The art show will be open after the parade on Friday night July 4

th until 9 p.m. then on Saturday July 5th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. All items will need to be picked up on Saturday night starting at 8:00 p.m. or Sunday July 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Any questions or concerns you can contact Treva Flemming at 260-375-2436 or 260-228-0045

ANNUAL MEETING

The Knight Bergman Civic Center Annual meeting will be June 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the center.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN

Check out "The Dusty Trunk" new thrift and consignment store at 119 N Wayne St., Warren.

They will be selling clothing, jewelry, shoes, etc. As well as small kitchen items and small home decor. We really want to reach out to the public to offer to sell items for them. We are also looking for local artists or crafters who would like a place to sell their items and promote their small business.

They are a 4 generation of women owned business. We have been doing this from our home outside of Milo/Van Buren for 3 years, but we have outgrown my 2 spare rooms. We will be open - Wednesday noon-5, Thursday noon-5, Friday Noon -7 and Saturday 10-2.

THE AMAZING WARREN RACE

Something new has been added to the SSF list of activities. An "Amazing Warren Race" will start on Saturday July 5, at 6 pm in front of the Information Tent on the southwest corner of Wayne & Second Streets in downtown

Warren. This is a foot race. Competitors must be 15 years of age or older. The event will consist of 12 teams with two members each. Pre-race instructions will be announced at 5:45 pm.

The course will run throughout the town with Five Check Points. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Warren Town Clerk Office which is located on the southeast corner of Wayne & Second Streets. The first 12 signees will be accepted. Scrambled clues to identify the next destination will be presented in colorful envelopes at the Start and Check Points. Some required activity, nothing very difficult, may be required at check points before the next clue envelope is presented.

There is no entry fee. Prizes will be awarded to the top ten finishers. Participants should have proper shoes, water bottle, pen or pencil, and a cell phone.

CONCERT JUNE 13TH

The Sweetwater All Stars will be performing at Riverside Park from 7-9pm Friday, June 13th.

Heritage Pointe Communities presents The Sweetwater All Stars, an eight-piece rhythm and blue band from Fort Wayne, IN. The group focuses on classic R&B songs from Motown, Stax, Chess, and Atlantic artists.

Come on out and enjoy the fun. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. If inclement weather, the concert will move to the Knight Bergman Civic Center.

DASH 90 CONCERT

First Day of Summer Concert at Dash 90 Wines!

Saturday, June 21 | 12-8 PM

We're celebrating the first official day of summer the best way we know how — with live music, great food, cool cars, and plenty of local flavor. You won't want to miss this one!

Live Music by the Rylie Lynn Band | 6-8 PM -

Kick back and enjoy some fantastic tunes as Rylie Lynn and her band take the stage for an unforgettable summer evening.

Uncle Matt's BBQ Shack | 4-8 PM -

Bringing the smoke and flavor - come hungry and leave happy!

Jeeps + Busted Knuckle Car Club Meet-Up - We're inviting Jeep owners and car lovers to cruise in and hang out. Got a sweet ride? Bring it along!

Local Makers Welcome - We'll have space for a few local creators and small shops to pop up and share their goods. If that sounds like you, feel free to reach out to Dash 90 Wines directly through Facebook or in person.

It's going to be a big day of wine, music, food, and fun — bring your lawn chairs, bring your friends, and let's make it one to remember!

Come one, come all — and don't forget to share this event with your crew!

Our regular hours: Thursday 3-8 PM, Friday 3-8 PM, and Saturday 12-8 PM.

OPEN CLASS

HORTICULTURE SHOW

An Open Class Horticulture Show will be held during the Huntington County 4-H Fair on Sunday July 20. Huntington County residents can compete in five main categories including:

1. Succulent or Succulent Garden
2. Planters (indoors or outdoors)
3. Wreaths (dried or living)
4. Fresh Cut Bouquet
5. Fairy Garden

Registration forms, event flyer and show guidelines are available at:

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/_docs/anr/huntingtonanr.html

There are two age divisions including a Junior (18 & under)/Senior (19 & older) team and a Senior Only (19 & over) team. Note that teams and individuals may submit displays in multiple categories. Registration forms are due in advance to the Huntington Co. Extension Office or email to pape1@purdue.edu by 7/14/2025.

Displays should be dropped off from 1:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. on the day of judging. Judging begins at 4.00pm at the poultry tent (Huntington Co. Fairgrounds) on 631 E Taylor St. in Huntington.

This show is being implemented by the Huntington Co. Master Gardeners. There is no charge to enter displays at this event. Local sponsors are supporting prizes and ribbons for winning entries.

Registration forms and show guideline copies are also available at the Purdue Extension — Huntington County office located at 1340 South Jefferson St. in Huntington. Call the Purdue Extension Office at 260-358-4826, if you have questions.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats

Life in a Small Town

by Treva Flemming

Welcome to the summer months, and with that brings us the Salamonie Summer Festival. This year's festival will be on Friday July 4th to July 6th. The theme is "Memories of years gone by". So be sure you take the time and come down and enjoy a little hometown fun.

This year Tara and I are teaming with Historic Warren and bringing back the art show. All media types are welcome and be sure they are family friendly, and the sky is the limit, if you can make it then it is art. There is no early entries, just bring your artwork down to the Exchange on Thursday July 3rd. between 1 and 6 p.m. We are excited to see what everyone is entering. Oh and the best part, we are giving away \$100 to the winning people's choice vote. So get busy on that art work!!

Another class in the art show is the "repurposed" class. We are looking for any kind of art that has been repurposed into a new usable item. Again, the sky is the limit, if it fits through the door then it is entered. There is 3 categories for the repurposed class. They are 12 and under, 13 and older, and the business class. We will be voting by people's choice and there will be a \$25.00 cash prize for each category winner. Any question on the art show or the repurposed category give me a call at 260 375-2436 or text me at 260-228-0045

I can remember when the art show was in the East Chicago building years ago and I think that's when I got my first start with the festival. My mom was working on getting the art show set up for the festival and I was there "sidewalk" supervising. What do you expect at the age of 4, but I do remember trying to behave myself while she worked. There was a lot to set up and honestly there still is when it comes to the art show. You had to get all the entries organized and set in the proper areas to be hung or displayed. Then the hard work was getting them up on the walls or on the tables in a nice fashion. Then you had to get the big art show sign hung on the facade and I would imagine our hard working guys at the telephone office or the town guys had a hand in that.

This year we may not have the big art show sign, but you might see one similar to the old days of the festival. I also remember the banner that was hung across the street, so when you were coming into town from both directions, you were reminded of the festival coming soon and to this day it wouldn't be a festival without it swaying in the wind welcoming everyone to Warren.

There is several groups of people that take on the set up and tear down of Warren's favorite event of the summer and without them we couldn't possibly get it done. Thank you to the Town of Warren Employees, Citizens Telephone, the

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8924S 900W 35
Harold Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Steve Nevius, Pastor
Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:45a.m.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
Handicap Accessible
Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099
HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —
5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA
Pastor Wayne Couch
260/515-2517
Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Daycare provided during Worship
DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Matt Kennedy, Pastor
Worship Service 9:00a.m.
Sunday School 10:00a.m.
**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.
WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
727 N Wayne St, Warren
260-375-2811
office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
Pastor Mark Joyner
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
375-2510
Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
Bus Service 375-2510
www.warrennaz.org
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
375-3873
John Boyanowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
LANCASTER WESLEYAN
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
**LIBERTY CENTER
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Pastor Diane Samuels
Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
375-4359
Daniel Tucker, Pastor
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.
MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
Good Morning Church (Sunday School
for all ages9:00 - 9:45
Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
Everyone is Welcome
**SALAMONIE
CHURCH OF BRETHREN**
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
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
vanburechurchofthevine@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
WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
375-3022
Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
Tara Bower - Secretary
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
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
11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
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

MAY 15 SPECIAL MTG

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Thursday, May 15, 2025 in a Special Session at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Ron Boxell, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison.

Copy submitted of Solar Ordinance for Council review. Scheduled to be discussed and acted upon at the July 14th Regular Meeting of Council.

By consensus, Dustin Fortney, Utility Supervisor, was promoted to Utility Manager effective immediately.

Morrison submitted a draft of a budget schedule for preparation of the 2026 Municipal Budget.

JUNE 3 SPECIAL MTG

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Tuesday, June 3, 2025 in a Special Session at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Michelle Schweikhardt, Ron Boxell, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group.

Continued discussion held regarding the IMMIDA (Warren is a Member) Power group and preparation for future Electric Power purchase from Wolverine Cooperative, current supplier to the group. That contract will expire in 2030. Council had previously approved, along with all other IMMIDA members, to continue with Wolverine. Guerrettaz reviewed prior information and submitted a draft Rate Report for the next five years to be considered in preparation for the 2030 contract which would allow for a transition to the anticipated much higher wholesale rate which would be necessary due to higher demand for electric energy. Due to that projected increases in cost of wholesale power, the recommendation

was that an ordinance be prepared with annual increases of 5% over the course of five years to meet increased costs in 2030 and increase to the service fee. Discussion held. The next Special Meeting in regard to the issue is scheduled for July 1st with all IMDA members will convene to take final action

Rufener needed to leave the meeting.

Remaining Members: Boxell, Buzzard, Schweikhardt.

Approved by Consensus, three members:

* An Ordinance be prepared to reset the rates as recommended.

* Chapter 51 of Town Code, Electric Service, be brought up to date as terminology, usages, certain fixed rates, etc have not been amended since 1984. Financial Solutions Group was authorized to proceed.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Ron Boxell, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Marshal Spitler, Others.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Special Order of Business: Jeff Thomas of Oakmont Development, developer of recently purchase acreage for Housing Development, shared the tentative time line for the development, steps to be taken after purchase by Oakmont is finalized, and answered general questions regarding the development.

In a report from Fortney, Utility Manager, the water data collection device has been installed on the Tower Park Water Tower with installation of the electronic system to be done within the week by Neptune Metering. In addition, Fortney has installed a You Tube account and a Restream Connection Set in preparation for the live streaming of Council Meetings to start at the July 14th meeting.

A Public Hearing has been set for the June 9th meeting for Ordinance 2025-4, Truck Ordinance.

A Special Meeting has been set for July 1 for meeting with IMMIDA members regarding final decision on actions in preparation for development of a contract with Wolverine Power, wholesale power provider.

A representative of AWWA, Apprentice Program, will be present at the scheduled June 9th meeting to discuss the program. A grant thought Hawkins in the amount of \$3000 has been filed to defray the cost for consideration if

formal approval is given by Council to the program.

A report was given by Buzzard and Morrison of a meeting held on May 20th with Oakmont and their engineer, the Town's Engineer and Utility Manager, Morrison and Buzzard, and Laymon and Shideler from Citizens Telephone for discussion of utility matters, zoning and planning matters, and other matters related to the housing development.

A meeting is set for June 3rd at 4:30 with Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group for review and decisions related to the Wolverine Power Supply Contract and rates in preparation for the 2030 Contract.

Ordinance 2025-8, a Utility Wage Ordinance for newly hired employee and promotion of Fortney to Utility Manager was introduced. Boxell moved, seconded by Sweikhardt to consider an Ordinance at the same meeting as introduction due to timing of employment. Motion approved unanimously. Schweikhardt moved, seconded by Buzzard to adopt Ordinance 2025-8. Motion approved unanimously.

As the ordinance form of the proposed Solar Ordinance had not been received, it was not introduced. However, the Council Members had received the information which is included. Department of Community Development will hold a public hearing on the matter on July 14th.

Schweikhardt submitted a rendering of the sign designed for the Veterans Memorial

Park. Council, by consensus, approved the committee

moving forward with the install. Next meeting is June 9th at 5:00 PM.

SCAM ALERT

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers about an email and text message scam falsely claiming to be a "final notice" from the Indiana Department of Vehicles (DMV), not the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These fraudulent messages aim to steal personal and financial information from unsuspecting individuals by threatening actions related to alleged traffic violations.

"Scammers are using deceptive tactics to exploit Hoosiers, and we must stay proactive to protect our personal information," said Attorney General Rokita. "No government organization, including the BMV, will send you unsolicited email or text messages demanding payment, so everyone should be cautious of any communication telling them to do so."

The scam messages claim that, as of June 7, 2025, individuals with outstanding tickets will face the following actions if payment is not completed:

- * They will be reported to the DMV for ticket violation.
- * Their vehicle registration will be suspended.
- * Their driving privileges will be suspended for 30 days.
- * They will be transferred to a toll booth and charged a 35% service fee.

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**Weekly Specials
June 12 - 18**

**CHECK OUT THE NEW ITEMS
IN OUR STORE!**

Pleasant Meadows Amish Bakery

Breads - Cookies - Angel Food Cakes
Apple Dumplings

Lake Erie Fish!

Walleye and Perch

**Outside Stand - Open Dawn to Dusk Inside Store Open Daily
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Sunday	1pm-5pm	Thursday	11am-7pm
Monday	4pm-7pm	Friday	11am-6pm
Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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Community Calendar

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.

Jun 13	7:00p	W - Sweetwater All Stars @ Riverside Park
Jun 14		FLAG DAY
Jun 14		W - Circus Day sponsored by Warren Lions Club
Jun 16	6:30p	W - KBC Annual Board Meeting @ KBC
Jun 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jun 21		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
Jun 27	7:00p	W - Hubie Ashcraft Band @ Riverside Park
Jul 2	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce @ KBC
Jul 2	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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* They may face prosecution and will suffer potential impacts to credit scores.

Attorney General Rokita is calling on Hoosiers to remain vigilant and take the following precautions:

* Do Not click on any links in unsolicited email or text messages claiming to be from the DMV.

* Do Not provide personal information, such as your driver's license number or Social Security number.

* Do Not share any card or account information through text messages or unverified links.

* Report the unwanted text messages as junk on the app you use and block the phone number or email address.

* Contact your phone provider for call/text blocking solutions.

Many manufacturers have built-in features to block unwanted calls or offer apps to block and label potential spam calls. Go to <https://www.fcc.gov/call-blocking> for a list of resources available.

* Forward spam emails to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and report at reportFraud.ftc.gov.

If you have already provided personal information or money through a link in these email or text messages, file a consumer complaint immediately online at indianaconsumer.com or call 317-232-6330.

For more information on avoiding scams, visit the Indiana Attorney General's website at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral.

CITIZENS TELEPHONE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the Citizens Telephone Scholarship, totaling \$30,000, was awarded to four Warren area students—Aly Green, Audrey Hix, Jacelynn Sunderman and Marcus Linker. The Citizens Telephone Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 to provide financial support to Warren area (including Poneto, Liberty Center and Bluffton) students pursuing post-secondary education.

Green is graduating from Southern Wells High School and plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Social Work with a minor in Psychology. She is the daughter of Andrea and Dan Green. She regularly volunteers for her church's nursery, participates in Campus Life Core, fundraises for Riley Children's Hospital through the Sunshine Society, volunteers for Southern Wells Athletic Boosters and plays volleyball.

Hix is graduating from Huntington North High School and plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to pursue a degree in Biology with a minor in Business Management. She actively volunteers for Covered With Love, works as a CNA at Heritage Pointe of Huntington and is a member of National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Abbie and Scott Hix.

Sunderman is graduating from Huntington North High School and plans to attend Purdue University West Lafayette to pursue a degree in Veterinary Medicine with a minor in Biology. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Joe

Sunderman. She is dedicated to her job and volunteer work with a local veterinary clinic, serves as a waitress at East of Chicago, and is a member of National Honor Society and Class Council.

Linker is graduating from Huntington North High School and plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Finance with a minor in Business. He has been a member of the HNHS Varsity Baseball and Football teams, participates in National Honor Society, serves as a PAL Club umpire and groundskeeper, and volunteers for Saint Mary's Open Door food service. He is the son of Brian and Christina Linker.

For more application and eligibility information on Community Foundation Scholarships, visit huntingtonccf.org/scholarship.

DAUGHERTY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Alaina Nusbaumer, Kelsie Ludemann and Logan Richison are the 2025 recipients of the Daugherty Family Scholarship, totaling \$11,000 between the three of them.

Nusbaumer is a 2024 graduate of Southern Wells High School and plans to attend Purdue University to study Agricultural Business. She was involved in FFA for five years, has participated in dance for 15 years, served as the Chapter Sentinel and Vice President for FFA, has taught dance at Showtime Dance Academy for two years and volunteers in the children's ministry at her church. She is the daughter of Jesston and Bethany Nusbaumer.

Ludemann is a rising sophomore at Vincennes University where she is

studying Agribusiness and Precision Agriculture. She is the daughter of Jessica and Eric Ludemann. She serves as Secretary of the Vincennes University ABT club and collegiate farm bureau, holds the title of Miss Warren and will represent at the 2025 Indiana State Festivals Pageant, works as an intern at Forefront Ag Solutions, teaches second graders in Knox County about agriculture as a part of the Collegiate Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom and is the 2024 Wayne Keller Leadership Award Recipient.

Richison is a 2024 graduate of Huntington North High School and plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University West Lafayette. He was a member of the Robotics Team 1501, volunteers at Covered With Love, participates in 4-H and was a National Honor Society member. He is the son of Angela and Doug Richison.

The Daugherty Family Fund was established in 2009 in honor of H.L. and Martha Daugherty to provide scholarships to employees, their children or Warren area students pursuing further education in an agriculture-related course of study. The Daugherty Companies, founded in 1939, sold their manufacturing and distribution portion of the business in 2019 to Ag Express Electronics.

For more application and eligibility information on Community Foundation Scholarships, visit huntingtonccf.org/scholarship.

BERGMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Abagayle Wright, Audrey Hix, Marcus Linker and Maleah Warpup are the 2025 recipients of George & Garnet Bergman Scholarships, totaling \$8,100 between them. The George & Garnet Bergman Scholarship was established in memory of an inspirational couple who called Warren home. Mr. Bergman continued his family's legacy of operating

the Bergman Funeral Home that had been in the family for 100 years.

Wright is entering her junior year at Purdue University West Lafayette where she is pursuing a degree in Animal Sciences with a Pre-veterinary Medicine concentration. She is a member of two honor societies at Purdue, Alpha Zeta and Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma, currently serves as the vice-president for Purdue Unhurried, is involved as a student facilitator for the Purdue Leadership and Development Department and is an active member of Purdue Chi alpha, where she serves on the hospitality team. Wright has also earned semesters honors and been on the Dean's list for three semesters. She is the daughter of Sarah and Wilbur Wright.

Hix is graduating from Huntington North High School and plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to pursue a degree in Biology with a minor in Business Management. She actively volunteers for Covered With Love, works as a CNA at Heritage Pointe of Huntington and is a member of National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Abbie and Scott Hix.

Linker is graduating from Huntington North High School and plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Finance with a minor in Business. He has been a member of the HNHS Varsity Baseball and Football teams, participates in National Honor Society, serves as a PAL Club umpire and groundskeeper, and volunteers for Saint Mary's Open Door food service. He is the son of Brian and Christina Linker.

Warpup is graduating from Huntington North High School with plans to attend Butler University to pursue a degree

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MELTON

Sandra S. Melton, 72, of rural Bluffton, passed away Monday morning, June 2, 2025, at her residence.

Sandra was born in Bluffton, on January 11, 1953, to Wayne and Naomi (Woodward) Henly Sr. She married Max A. Melton, he preceded her in death on March 24, 2009.

A 1971 graduate of Norwell High School, Sandra later worked for Peyton's Northern Distribution Center for over 30 years. She later worked part-time at the Liberty Center gas station and enjoyed volunteering at the Bargain Hut in Bluffton. Sandra had a love for sewing and would even make clothing for her children. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Jodi (Michael) Donahoe of Liberty Center and Faun Melton of Lexington, North Carolina; a son, Chris (Lisa) Melton of Lexington, North Carolina; a brother, Wayne (Glenn) Henly Jr. of Ossian; nine grandchildren, Blake (Trisha) Banter, Hunter Oswalt, Kolten Oswalt, Chloe Donahoe, Hayley (Josh) Durham, Mia Melton, Camryn Melton, Max Melton and Richard Powell; six great-grandchildren, Brayden, Kinslee, Waylon, Daisy, Emberlynn and Oliver; along with two nephews and a niece.

The receiving of family and friends will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Sandra's residence, 1416 W. 500 S. Bluffton, IN, 46714.

Memorial donations in memory of Sandra may be made to the Bargain Hut in Bluffton.

DEARTH

John A. Dearth, 75, of Upland, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on May 17, 1950, in Huntington County to the late Maurice G. and Leatha Leona (McMillen) Dearth, he graduated from Huntington North High School in 1968 and attended North Manchester College.

John retired from General Motors, Marion, as a tool and die maker.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he married Glenda Moulton Wright on November 7, 1970, at Back Creek Friends Church, Fairmount.

John loved spending time with his family, fishing, watching old Westerns and '80s sitcoms and following Eastbrook High School football.

He also enjoyed traveling, talking with friends and caring for his beloved dogs, Sasha and Sugar.

John is survived by his wife, Glenda; daughters, Michelle (Darren) Lyssy, Amy (Greg) O'Banion and Rebecca Dearth; grandchildren, Krista (Mark) Parmerlee, Brenda Sutton, Miranda (Fabian) Garcia, John (Abby) Sutton, Dylan (Logan) Dearth, Haley, Gregory, and Kaysie O'Banion and Neva Sutton; great-grandchildren, Donna Garcia, Delilah Dearth and Madelyn Sutton.

Also surviving are his brother, Dr. Jerry (Julie) Dearth; nieces and nephew Ashley, Caitlin, Sarah and Aaron.

The family thanks all who offered prayers, visits and support during John's journey, and offers special appreciation to the nurses and caregivers from Heart to Heart Hospice for their compassionate care.

Funeral services were on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home, Jones-Smith Chapel, 259 N. Main St., Upland, with Pastor Marc Crucea and Pastor Brian Warner officiating.

KIRK

 Denver Kirk, 92, of Marion, passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in Marion.

He was born in Jonesville, Va., on Sunday, June 5, 1932, to George and Maxie (Kelly) Kirk.

On October 18, 1962, Denver married Mable J. Dickerson. She preceded him.

He graduated from Jonesville (Va.) High School.

Denver joined the United States Air Force, where he served his country from 1952 to 1956.

Following his time in the military, he worked as a press operator for General Motors, Marion.

Denver was a member of American Legion Post #368, Van Buren, for several years.

As a musician, he found joy in playing his collection of guitars.

Denver's love of books was reflected in his expansive library, a testament to his lifelong curiosity.

He crafted several pieces of furniture with care and precision as a wood worker.

Denver enjoyed auto racing and doing yard work.

Whether tending to his yard or cherishing time with his family, he found happiness in life's simple and meaningful moments.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Debbie (Tim) Shirar, of North Manchester; son, Douglas (Angie) Kirk, of Marion; grandchildren, Chad (Stacey) Shirar, Timothy (Kayona) Shirar, Braxton (Liz) Shirar, John Shirar and Zane (Kayla) Kirk; brother, Walter Kirk; sisters, Lucy Alsup, Lillie Sternfeld and Thelma Kirk; as well as several great-grandchildren.

Denver was preceded in death by his parents, George Russell and Maxie Kirk, wife, Mable J. Kirk, stepson, James Rogers, stepdaughter, Linda

Behrens, brothers, Doyle Kirk, Oscar Kirk and Earnest Kirk, and sisters, Mildred King, Blanche Kirk and Hazel Corman.

The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Denver's life will begin at noon with the Rev. Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Burial will take place at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

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

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Warren Volunteer Fire department, and anyone that had a hand in the planning of this great festival. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!! If you have donated to help fund this festival, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!! and of course, our guests, the ones that participate, buy, contribute to, or just simply enjoy the festival, THANK YOU!! IT TAKES YOU TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL SUCCESSFUL!!

Enjoy the nice weather we are having and take time to enjoy life, I know I am. Thinking about just taking the month of June off and then see where life sends me. There are many doors to open, just finding the right one. Till then I will be Warren's newest housewife. lol!! Have a great one!

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in Pre-Occupational Therapy. She is a four-year member of Viking Volume Show Choir, ten-year member of 4H, an Academic Letter Recipient, a National Honor Society Member and works as a Barista at JJ Java. She is the daughter of Nicole and Brian Warpup.

For more application and eligibility information on Community Foundation Scholarships, visit huntingtonccf.org/scholarship.

SIGMA PHI

The Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma met on Tuesday, June 3rd at the Knight Bergman Center. Our visiting Province Officer, Misty Clugh, and her sorority sister, Angie Canarecci, joined us. Misty reviewed our chapter books and enjoyed a light meal of chicken salad and ham salad croissants, fruit, cheese/crackers, and brownies. All but four of our chapter sisters were in attendance.

Several letters of correspondence were read from our Province and International officers with reminders of Convention in June, assessments due, and general information regarding voting of by-law changes, etc. at Convention.

The committee formed to review options for the Memorial donations from Peggy Sue Clark's passing discussed their ideas, and it was decided to reach out to the family to make sure we are using the money according to their wishes.

Beth Ostermeyer reported the Cub Scouts would have an awards and achievement night in late July, early August and reminded us we donated to them last year. We tabled the conversation until next month where we will vote to contribute to their achievement night.

Lorie Fiock has indicated she will step down as finance chairman at the end of this term and the girls were informed so a replacement could be found. She thanked the new initiates for doing such a good job on putting

together the baskets for our BINGO event held July 5th at the Knight Berman Center during the Salamonie Summer Festival.

Our next meeting will be a social on June 17th to finalize plans for the BINGO event.

A FOOTBALL & SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO LOS ANGELES DAY 1

by Larry Ryan

My wife and I left home at 10:30 am on September 12, 2024 and motored to Fishers, Indiana to meet my son who made the LA plans. He volunteered to drive to Weir Cook International Airport. On the way there we met my wife's brother and sister-in-law who accepted a guest during the four days of time that my son and I would spend in LA. The main event for the west coast trek was Saturday's football game between Indiana University and UCLA. However, since my granddaughter lives and is employed in LA, she wanted to join us for the game in addition to leading us on some sightseeing.

The airport's long-term parking lot was packed with cars, but was able to locate a space next to a roadway construction site. It was a dusty area, but there was no other choice. At Shuttle Station # 22, a bus stopped in a few minutes to ferry us and our carry-on luggage to the American Airlines terminal. We boarded the 737 plane at 4 pm and departed 30 minutes later. A three hour and fifty-five minutes of travel time was announced.

Before the airplane gained much altitude, the view of brown tasseled corn and quickly changing soy bean fields were noticeable. Green tree-lined fence rows and waterways were visible too. A slight amount of turbulence was felt over Illinois which was probably due to the northerly effect of Hurricane Francine.

I could not fall asleep during the flight so several games of Solitaire occupied my time. Game time was interrupted when a stewardess served cranberry juice and two Lotus

Biscoffs. The latter tasted like compressed graham crackers. The cold drink only added to the flight-long chill that I felt. Even wearing a zippered sweater did not change my temperature. Even the ice cubes in the drinking cup didn't melt! I finally had my seat mate close my AC vent that I couldn't reach. Obviously my brain was in a deep freeze mode earlier.

After the first two hours in the air, mountains were sighted. Somehow I spotted them from my aisle seat! Were we that low or do mountains continue to grow upwards? About this same time, there was a steady movement of passengers back and forth to the restroom. It reminded me of shopping at Wal+Mart!

As the 737 approached the LA airport, the sky was not as smoggy as expected, but it was mixed with some smoke from the brush fires. Landed at 8:15. We asked a uniformed attendant where the food court was located. She pointed in its direction. After a half mile walk it was finally discovered. We avoided KFC and Panda Express. A Mexican restaurant looked more favorable. I ordered a burger sandwich that came with a slab of spiced cheese and chopped tomatoes/peppers. My thought was to approach it open-faced, but there was still too much bun with this very large helping of beef. So, the meal was forked bite by bite minus both buns. The taste of the spice and peppers lasted well into the night.

We asked the server for directions to the ground transportation area. That was a mistake. After another half mile of walking and being misguided, we finally located the shuttle bus that took us to the Alamo Car Rental agency. A black, Nissan Rogue found its way onto the streets of LA. My son's GPS navigated us through downtown LA and to a rented bungalow on Chapman Street in Pasadena.

My granddaughter, who lives in the central part of this city, planned to meet us tomorrow and lead a tour of LA. Warner

Brothers Studio will be the first stop.

RACING FOR MAY'S RECALLS

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns consumers about hitting the brakes on products that need a pitstop in May

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in May. The office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"In the race for safety, we're waving the caution flag on recalled products. Don't let a recalled product crash your summer fun," Attorney General Rokita said. "Stop using these items immediately and race to resolve the issue with the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

* The Step2 Company Recalls My First Snowman Toys Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Choking Hazard

* iWALK Magnetic Wireless Power Banks Recalled Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Manufactured by U2O Global

* Playworld Systems Recalls Unity Teeter Tunnels with Lexan Tops Due to Risk of Serious Injury and Crush Hazard

* VFAUOSIT Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Whisper08

* KICIMPRO Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Kicimpro

* BASDEHEN Brand Kitchen Faucets Recalled Due to Dangerous Lead Exposure for Young Children; Sold on Amazon.com by Chenfeng Store

* WeHwupe Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and

Asphyxiation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Sold on Amazon.com and Walmart.com by WeHwupe Store

* Minka Lighting Recalls Vortic Flow Series Lights Due to Impact Injury Hazard

* Macy's Recalls Holiday Lane Infant Footed Pajamas Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively by Macy's

* Nezmdi Infant Swings Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Suffocation Hazard; Multiple Federal Safety Violations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Nezmdi

* Primark Recalls DTR Plush Bag Stitch and DTR Plush Bag Angel Due to Choking and Ingestion Hazards

* Sivan Dressers Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Multiple Violations of Federal Regulations for Clothing Storage Units; Sold on Wayfair.com by Anji Guyou Furniture

* Areson Recalls Rolanstar 6-Drawer Dressers Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Multiple Violations of Federal Regulations for Clothing Storage Units; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

* LivingCaring Adult Portable Bed Rails Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Asphyxiation Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Adult Portable Bed Rails; Imported by Shanghai Kai Rong Xin Xi Ke Ji

* BuddyLove Recalls Children's Mini Danica Loungewear Sets Due to Risk of Serious Injuries or Death from Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Children's Sleepwear

* Child Safety Gates Recalled Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death from Entrapment and Fall Hazards; Violations of Federal Regulation for Gates and Enclosures; Imported by Yiwu Baili Import and Export; Sold on Amazon.com

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To view recalls issued prior to May visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls>.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens
Ask Rusty – I'm a Retired Veteran; Why must I pay for Medicare?

Dear Rusty: I'm a retired Navy veteran who is going to be turning 65 years old this year. My question is concerning mandatory Medicare sign-up requirements. Why do I have to sign up for Medicare coverage at 65 when I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I turn 67? My Social Security benefits will not pay for my mandatory Medicare because I can't start collecting full Social Security benefits until I'm 67!

I currently pay for Tricare and utilize my local Veterans Administration medical facilities and referrals for my healthcare. With me turning 65 and having to wait until I'm 67 for my full Social Security benefits, it just seems unfair that I'll have to pay out of pocket Medicare monthly expenses for two years! Is there any way to avoid this unfair penalty? Signed: Retired Navy Vet

Dear Retired Navy Vet: First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. Please know that here at the AMAC Foundation we care a lot about our veterans, and you may find the "For Veterans" section of our Foundation website interesting (www.amacfoundation.org).

Regarding your question, you should be aware that enrolling in Medicare is not mandatory, but there are consequences if you do not enroll when you become eligible (normally at age 65). For one thing, if you are a retired veteran on military TriCare, you will lose your TriCare benefits if you don't enroll in Medicare when you are eligible (TriCare requires that you enroll in Medicare when eligible). And, since you are not yet collecting Social Security, you

will be required to separately pay the Medicare Part B premium directly to Medicare (they will bill you when you enroll in Medicare). Another potential consequence is that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are first eligible, you may incur a lifetime late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Part B later.

Something else to keep in mind is that there are two "parts" to Medicare - Part A (which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services), and Part B, which is coverage for outpatient healthcare services (doctors, medical tests, etc.). Medicare Part A is free to you, but there is a premium for Medicare Part B (\$185/month for 2025). Note that you will need to pay a Part B premium as long as you are enrolled in Medicare Part B (it doesn't go away after you are collecting Social Security, but it is taken from your Social Security payment). And there is no way for you to avoid the Part B premium after enrolling, and enrolling in Part B is necessary for you to continue your military TriCare-for-life benefits. Note that Medicare Part A and Part B do not include prescription drug coverage, but your TriCare coverage usually does.

It's important to note that Medicare and Social Security are two independent senior programs with different eligibility rules. As you may know, you can collect early (reduced) Social Security at age 65 (and have your Medicare Part B premium deducted from your SS payment). But you would be collecting Social Security early and, in addition to a reduced benefit, you would also be subject to Social Security's annual earnings test if you are still working. The SS earnings test limits how much you can earn before some of your SS benefits are taken away (if you exceed the earning limit prior to your full retirement age).

So, is it unfair that you must pay for Medicare Part B before you are collecting Social Security? Well, I think not, because the two programs are

completely independent benefits (the Social Security Administration merely administers Medicare payments as a convenience). Remember your Medicare Part A is free, but you must pay a premium for Part B, and you must take both to retain your military TriCare-for-Life benefits. You can visit this site to see how to pay your Medicare premiums until it is later deducted from your Social Security payment: www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/pay-premiums/online-bill-pay.

Once again, thank you for your service to our country.

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