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Thought for the Week: To find a fault is easy; to do better may be difficult. Plutarch

COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, July 10, 2023 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, Tavis Surfus, Michelle Schweikhardt, Jeremy Rufener; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; others.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12 and the Special Meeting of June 17 were approved as submitted.

Under Citizen's Comment, a contingent of individuals with involvement in the Warren Baseball Association were present. As some expressed dissatisfaction, others expressed support. As the League operates on its' own rules, Council did not take any action but offered the meeting space if the group wished to continue discussion at a later time.

* Fire Department – Chief Poulson submitted the June Activity Report and requested permission to obtain quotes for sealing of the parking lot at the Station. Council concurred.

* Chamber of Commerce – Jeff Souder stated that Golf Cart parking during concerts at Riverside Park was an issue. Requested was that parking from the Post Office Building to Main Street be designated only for Golf Cart parking during concerts. Following recommendation from Marshal Spitler, Council concurred with the request.

* HCUED – No report.

* Historic Warren – Phase 3 at Riverside Park being completed, Mural on 'The Exchange' complete, and bench at the mural donated by the Bill and Marilyn Bradford.'

* Continued discussion of purchase of a fire truck through HGACBuy was held and as approval of the process had been received through Salamonie Township, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to proceed. Unanimous approval of the motion. Morrison will proceed with filing membership forms to start the process.

* Ordinance 2023-2, a Zoning ordinance setting forth rules and regulations for placement of non-conventional storage structures was submitted for consideration of Adoption as Public Hearing had been held at previous meeting. Buzzard moved, seconded by Schweikhardt, to adopt Ordinance 2023-2. Voting aye were Buzzard, Schweikhardt, Surfus. Voting nay was Rufener. Ordinance adopted.

* Time Schedule for the Wayne Street Restoration Project was reviewed with advertisement of bid being July 8th and 15th, acceptance of bids on August 1st, Award of bid scheduled for August 7th in Special Meeting of Town Council. The project is expected to last nine months with anticipated end date of May 2024. Project funding is supported with a \$1,000,000 dollar grant through the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings and Bridge Grant.

* An email from Ben Adams, reporting that bids on

projects in two other communities had been positive and recommending that bidding on the two sewer projects be done in August 2023 was read to the Council. Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to move forward with August bidding. Unanimous approval.

* In further discussion about purchase of a transformer for Crain Ford installation of charging stations, by consensus, it was determined to keep the project on hold pending further direct information from the business.

* Due to the hiring of a real estate attorney from Barrett McNagny, a Contract of Engagement was submitted for approval from that firm. Rufener moved, seconded by Buzzard, acceptance of the document. Unanimous approval.

* As the Water Tower project has been substantially completed, a compliance form from Jackson Construction as required by OCRA (grant agency) was submitted for signature. Buzzard moved, seconded by Rufener, that the document be signed. Unanimous approval.

* In further discussion related to the EPA mandated Lead/Copper Rule, a Task Order in the amount of \$9000 was submitted by Commonwealth Engineering to oversee the project as had been requested by Council. Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the document. Unanimous approval.

* Morrison reported on a meeting held with State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) representative, Ben Adams

of Commonwealth Engineering, and Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group regarding proposed pilot program to check water systems for possible PFAS chemicals in residential tap water. The program would totally be funded through EPA through SRF and would not require local financing. As the program is in the pilot stage, initial approval can be rescinded at any time by notice to SRF. Following recommendation from

Guerrettaz and Adams, Surfus moved, seconded by Buzzard, to move forward with the project. Unanimous approval.

* Employee benefits for 2024 except for wages were discussed. No decision.

* Financial Reports – June Fund Report and Appropriation Report submitted.

* 2024 Budget preparation discussion with Morrison noting that due to Fire Truck Purchase and Wayne Street Project the budget totals

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AT THE PULSE: INTO THE WOODS

The show runs July 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at the Pulse Opera House. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under.

We are also featuring local artists in pop-up shops before the show. Here is the schedule:

- July 21 - Dan Whit (stained glass)
- July 22 - Daniel Swartzok (hand-printed letterpress signs)
- July 23 - Kayleen Reusser (author)
- July 28 - ZhenYi (Ginger) Davis (oil painting)
- July 29 - Danny Woelver (fantasy art)
- July 30 - Gary Walter (stained glass)

Pictured above: (l-r) David Troyer & Trinity Cain (Photo credit: Marcia Henly)

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Treva's
Recipe Box
by Treva Flemming

This week I will be featuring this year's winner in the family heirloom recipe contest. Kelly Jones entered her mother, Carlene Jackson's Monster Cookie recipe. These are packed full of goodness. Lots of oatmeal, peanut butter, chocolate chips and M & M's. The best part is there is no flour in these cookies, but boy it sure does make lots and lots of cookies.

I have known the Jackson family for many years. Kelly and my sister Gayle were good friends in school. Along with them being friends, I was also involved with the rainbow girls in which Kelly and Karen were both involved in. There was many good times with them. Kelly is also my Pampered Chef dealer, she keeps my kitchen supplied with all the good products they carry, which I claim to be highly addicted to. The best quality products around. I think I have proved my point with my husband, I cook better with my Pampered Chef items. Lol

I have also been able to set on the cemetery board with Guy, Kelly's dad. I'm sure he was the chief cookie tester of the family as was my dad. I'm sure when Carlene made cookies he was given warm cookies right out of the oven as I do for my husband John. That's when the cookies are the best no matter what kind of cookie they are.

So here is the famous recipe that was actually inscribed on cutting boards for various family members to hang in their kitchen and are a welcome treat to many people in the local counties.

CARLENE JACKSON'S MONSTER COOKIES

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12 eggs | 1 lb. real butter |
| 2 lbs. brown sugar | 3 lbs. chunky peanut butter |
| 4 c. white sugar | 18 c. rolled oats |
| 1 Tbsp. vanilla | 1 lb. chocolate bits |
| 1 Tbsp. karo corn syrup | 1 lb. M & M's candies |
| 8 tsp. baking soda | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix in the order given in a large dish pan. (you may have to mix with your hands). Drop by teaspoon and flatten a little. Bake 12 minutes. Don't over bake. Cool on sheet before removing. This makes a lot of cookies and freezes very well. No flour is used.

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 Jim Knight, Superintendent
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 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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could/would show some differences from 2023. Other than that, the proposed budget to be submitted would remain much the same. Morrison will be meeting with the area representative of the Department of Local Government Finance on July 17th for general discussion in regard to the Budget.

* Morrison requested Council approve filling the vacant position of part time utility clerk. Council concurred and set the wage at \$16.00 per hour for 20 hours or less per week.

* Morrison announced the Clerk's Office would be closed on Friday, July 21st so that she and the Deputy could move records and documents to the audit room, and document sorting in the second floor records room.

* Utility Manager Poulson reviewed June projects and those planned for July including hauling of sludge, lawn mower repair, sale of old vac truck. Council requested a quote on replacement of the mower. More discussion will be held on tree trimming project.

* Council, by consensus, agreed with a proposal from Morrison to contact builders to replace the large pavilion at Tower Park as that company would be versed in permitting through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security which is necessary to move the project forward. A list of vendors will be prepared.

* The next Regular Meeting of Town Council is scheduled for August 14th.

* General discussion held on moving forward with hiring of a utility employee. No firm decisions made.

BONBRAKE HIRED AS COALITION COORDINATOR

The Early Childhood Coalition is pleased to announce the hiring of Courtney Bonbrake as its Coalition Coordinator. Formed in 2023, the Early Childhood Coalition has a mission of creating positive early childhood experiences

through community collaboration. Specifically, Bonbrake will be tasked with coordinating systems and providing real solutions that create a community where quality early learning and childcare is accessible for all families in Huntington County.

"I look forward to collaborating with local businesses, childcare facilities, the Huntington County Community School Corporation, government officials, and most importantly the families we are hoping to impact," says Bonbrake. A Huntington resident for the last 32 years, Bonbrake considers herself a lifelong resident of Huntington, although she was born in Fort Wayne.

Bonbrake and her husband, Ryan, are currently raising their three children in the Drovertown district of Huntington. "My family has personally faced many challenges that come with raising littles in a world where both parents may need to work," says Bonbrake. "I am excited to become part of the solution for families here in Huntington County that face the ongoing struggles around early childhood."

Bonbrake settled into the position on July 10th and brings professional development experience to the table. "Courtney has the

right passion and energy needed to tackle the early childhood challenges and opportunities in Huntington County," says Matt Ditzler, Executive Director of the Community Foundation. "We are excited to have her get to work as our Coalition Coordinator."

Bonbrake previously worked for Parkview Health for the last nine years, where she was most recently a Professional Development Associate. She states that her hope is to help facilitate more childcare businesses and preschools and bring to light the health and wellness importance of early childhood development along with the unique needs of families in our community. "I want to help paint the big picture of Huntington County as the place families chose to move, grow roots and watch their children flourish," says Bonbrake.

The Coalition has already seen early wins through a grant award of \$30,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation and the Indiana Economic Development Association Foundation in June. The grant intends to stand up a Child Care Business Lab which will serve as a platform for developing and connecting aspiring entrepreneurs with turnkey models, training support, and access to capital investment and start-up opportunities.

The goal is to attract and support sustainable, high-quality child care businesses that, over time, will bridge the child care gap for working families in Huntington County.

Bonbrake will have office hours Monday through Friday at the Community Foundation of Huntington County at 356 W Park Dr in Huntington. She can be reached by phone at 260-289-2123 or by email at courtney@huntingtonccf.org.

TRAVEL WITH HCCOA IN 2024

Tour: Reflections of Italy, April 24, 2024, thru May 3, 2024. 10 days 12 meals

Base per person rates: Double \$4,399; Single \$5,299; Triple \$4,369. Rates for booking made before October 25, 2023.

Highlights: Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St.

Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's David, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Milan.

Tour: America' Cowboy Country, July 25, 2024, thru August 1, 2024 8 days 10 meals

Base per person rates: Double \$4,099; Single \$5,099; Triple \$3,869. Rates for booking made before January 25, 2024.

Highlights: Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton National Park.

Tour: Canadian Rockies Featuring "Rocky Mountaineer Train."

Trip to be scheduled for September 2024. Details

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Jul 19	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jul 28	7:00p	W - Sweetwater All Stars @ Riverside Park
Aug 2	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 2	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 8	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 14	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 16	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 23	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 25	6:30p	W - Whoa Man Concert @ Riverside Park

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
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Highlights: Vancouver, Stanley Park, Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops, Lake Louise, Banff, Icefields Parkway, Glacier Adventure Choice on Tour, Calgary.

A detailed overview of each trip will be presented by Eric Scott of Collette Travel on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 1:30 pm. Please note that all prices are subject to change. Call the Huntington Council on Aging, Senior Center office to reserve your spot for the informational meeting.

For more information contact: Dick Murray, Huntington County Council on Aging 260-359-4410 or dmurray@huntingtoncountycy.org

RESERVED HUNT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they apply.

The Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) program has switched to reserved hunts and is no longer available through the self-service sign-in system. IPLA hunt

applications and information are at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 6:

* Dove Hunts: Applicants may select the desired date and property. Due to inclement spring weather, other crops may have been planted in place of or along with sunflowers. Participating properties include J. E. Roush Lake, Wilbur Wright, Kingsbury, Kankakee, Atterbury, Pigeon River, Glendale, Goose Pond, and Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWAs).

* Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Youth Deer Hunt: Muscatatuck NWR will host one reserved firearms deer hunt for youth.

* Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunts: Big Oaks NWR will host archery, muzzleloader, and firearms hunts.

* IPLA Hunts: IPLA will offer reserved hunts for squirrel, archery deer, youth deer, teal, and early goose on private lands.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants can view draw results online within two weeks after the application period closes. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed.

Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

Visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt to apply for and learn about other exclusive hunting opportunities.

SHARE YOUR OBSERVATIONS OF WILD TURKEYS

You can help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) learn more about the state's wild turkey population by sharing observations of hens with and without poults (i.e., young turkeys) through Aug. 31.

Each summer, DNR personnel and community members from across Indiana conduct brood surveys, counting hens and poults to estimate how many young turkeys live through the summer. Summer brood survival is one of the primary factors influencing wild turkey population trends in various regions of the state and informs the DNR's wild turkey management.

This year, the DNR aims to collect 3,000 reports across the state with at least 25 reports per county.

Observations can be shared at on.IN.gov/turkeybrood. No password is needed. This link provides survey instructions, an illustrative guide to turkey identification, and results of previous brood surveys.

For more information about wild turkey biology and DNR's management of the

species, see on.IN.gov/turkey.

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Ever since Alyssa Malone, family nurse practitioner, joined the Parkview



Physicians Group (PPG) – Family Medicine team at 577 W. Geiger Drive in Roanoke, she has been providing thoughtful, personal care for residents and enjoying a homecoming of sorts.

"It's great to be back in the area!" said Malone, a Huntington University alum who lives in the Warren area. "I love having this opportunity to serve in the same community that helped shape me as a young adult."

"We are so pleased to have Alyssa join the Roanoke PPG office," said Doug Selig, market president, Parkview Health South. "Her blend of experience and professionalism will certainly be welcomed by her patients. It's such a win for our community to have a

provider who returns to their roots to practice medicine."

Alyssa Malone, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C, completed her Master of Science in Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion after receiving her bachelor's degree in public relations and marketing from Huntington University.

Malone is a member of the Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana (CAPNI).

Before she joined Parkview, she cared for patients in two primary care physician's offices, a hospice and palliative care organization, and an urgent care clinic. Those experiences have given her a broad-based background for treating the variety of medical conditions encountered in primary care.

"Having practiced in a variety of settings, both as a registered nurse and as a nurse practitioner, has given

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FRIAR

Robert Edsel Friar, 89, longtime resident of Big Rapids, recently



of Birmingham, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Corewell Health in Clawson, Michigan, attended by family and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, on March 11, 2001.

Robert was born December 30, 1933 to Ralph Victor and Reathel Faye (Gentis) Friar on the family farm in Jackson Township, Wells County, Indiana. Growing up on the farm during the Great Depression and World War II, Robert remained forever a proud "farm boy" who had plowed fields with a horse-drawn plow. He graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1952. Well into his 80's, Robert would show off his basketball lay-up to the grandkids, regaling them with stories from his high school playing days. With a graduating class of 9, and only 2 others guys in his class, playing on the basketball team was almost compulsory, even though he had blown off several fingers with a dynamite cap as a child.

Robert pursued a lifetime devoted to academics. His proud association with Purdue University began with a BS in Agricultural Education in 1956, resulted in a total of 3 degrees, and culminated in a Purdue University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2016. He taught for 2 years at Flint Creek High School in Steuben County, Indiana before returning to Purdue for a Masters in Biological Sciences. Upon completion in 1959, he taught science at Clay Township High School in Indiana. His fellow teacher, Frances Anna Urban, captured his heart with her spirited personality and intelligence. Her nice legs, perfectly shown off by fashionable high heels, and pretty green eyes clinched the deal. They wed on August 12, 1961 in South

Bend. As "the cool young teachers" and senior class advisors, they built friendships with their students that lasted a lifetime.

As Robert worked on his PhD at Purdue, they welcomed three children. He was very proud that they all continued his legacy of academic achievement in the sciences: Ken (Mary) Friar, MD of Traverse City, David (Susan) Friar MD of Traverse City, and Debra (John) Hibbeln, DDS of Rochester, MI. Juggling toddlers and research, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois. Over the years, summers were spent packing the clan into the station wagon and traveling the country with first tent and then pop-up camper, weaving between national parks. Robert ran over Ken's foot in Rocky Mountain NP, David fell into prickly pears in the Badlands, Debra plummeted down a glacier, and fabulous family memories were made.

Upon completion of his PhD in Animal Physiology in 1967, the family moved to Big Rapids, Michigan for a life-defining position at Ferris State University. As a professor and researcher in Anatomy, Physiology, and Human Sexuality, and longtime Head of the Biology Department, he had a positive influence on generations of students during his 49+ years of teaching. He was truly an extraordinary teacher, using every conversation to encourage, empower and educate. Among his many honors at Ferris were: Educator of the Year Award, Distinguished Teacher Award, and Homecoming Parade Grand Marshall. He was a director of the Ferris Foundation, served on presidential and faculty search committees, and numerous other committees. Coming from humble beginnings themselves, Robert and Frances were dedicated and generous contributors who created

endowed scholarships for needy students at Ferris State. Robert attained international prominence in the field of human sexuality. He was very active in the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, honored by their Distinguished Service Awards in 1993 and 1998.

Robert was a two-time Fulbright Scholar Award recipient, at that time an unprecedented achievement. Upon receiving the award, he asked the US State Department, "Where am I needed most in the world?" That simple question led the family to live in Khartoum, Sudan while he taught at the University of Khartoum. Living in Sudan during a famine and amidst political turmoil, colleagues became friends and then family, with relationships that lasted a lifetime and spanned the globe. This experience, and the people he shared it with, were among the most precious of his life. As in his entire life, Robert always went where he was needed most, to help those who he could help the most.

There was no greater joy for Robert than his grandchildren. Every day was a science lesson with Grandpa! He loved every moment with them: hiking, traveling, working in the garden, fixing something mechanical, giving a piggyback ride, discussing future plans, arguing big topics. He was an excited and attentive listener. He was the grandpa most likely to lead them into some crazy adventure that was laced with a whiff of danger. Because he knew "something about everything", Grandpa was always up for a good conversation. And oh golly, the tales he did tell! He loved nothing more than hearing about the grandkids' adventures and achievements, and treasured every photo and note they texted him. Carrying on his legacy of adventure, excellence and service are Alison (Ben) Thompson,

Jonathan (Gabriella) Friar, Victor Hibbeln, Benjamin (Ky) Friar, Alexandra Friar, Henry Hibbeln, Nicholas Friar, and Ethan Friar.

For the last 13 years of his life, Robert found joy with his partner, Anita, of Birmingham, Michigan. Together, they enjoyed extensive travel, the arts, adventures, laughter, and a vibrant community of friends. Anita and her family enlarged the circle of people who loved him, and greatly enriched his life.

Brilliant, eccentric, hardworking and independent, Robert dearly loved the people he gathered around him: family, students, colleagues, friends. He was a stand-in father and grandfather for anyone who needed someone like him in their lives. Right up until his last day, he walked several miles daily and exercised at the gym. Robert left this world exactly the way he would have wanted, suffering a fall while racing off on foot into an oncoming storm to buy ice cream and oatmeal (which he deemed essentials of life).

Robert will be honored with a private family burial at Highland View Cemetery in Big Rapids, Michigan. His life will be celebrated with a private memorial service on July 14 with his extensive family in Indiana, presided over by his brother Donald Friar. Memorial contributions in Robert's name may be made to the Friar Family Foundation of scholarships at Ferris State University.

CHANDLER

Carol J. Chandler, 85, of Montpelier, died at 10:20 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She is survived by two sons, Mike (Sandy) Chandler of Marion and Steve (Annette) Chandler of Montpelier; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a brother, James Moyer of Marion.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Catherine Moyer, and a granddaughter.

Private services will be held at the convenience of her family. Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, 6454N Woodlawn Road, Montpelier.

ECKERT

Cindy Eckert of Huntington, Indiana, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on July 9, 2023 in Zionsville, Indiana after a brief illness.

Cindy was born on January 12, 1956, in Lawrenceville, Indiana, to parents Charles and Delores Henry.

As a young woman Cindy loved activities such as golf, bowling and softball. In later years her passion for animals, particularly dogs, led her to be active in the animal rescue community. She loved her own two dogs Beau and Sadie so much.

Cindy married Ed Hippensteel and together they had two children, Jodi (Adrian) Miller of Zionsville, IN and Eddie Hippensteel of Huntington, IN. Cindy loved her family and delighted in being a very proud grandmother to Eva Miller, Emilee Miller and Isaac Miller.

She was known to always have bags of Skittles in her purse for her grandkids. Some of her most cherished times were cookouts and holiday meals with her kids and grandkids.

Cindy had a very strong work ethic and worked for many years for Walgreens, rising to the position of store manager. Most recently she retired from Shuttleworth, Inc. in Huntington, IN.

Cindy was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Delores, a brother, Steve Henry, a sister Tami Allen, and an infant granddaughter Jenna Miller who she is surely holding tightly to in Heaven.

She is survived by a sister Susan Zerrusen of Effingham, Illinois and a brother Jeff Henry of Indianapolis, Indiana. She is also survived by ex husband turned dear friend, Ed Hippensteel.

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Friends of Cindy and the family may call at 10 am on Friday, July 14th at the Gardens of Memory located at 11201 S. Marion Rd-35 in Marion, Indiana.

RUSH

Caroline J. Rush, 93, of Poneto, passed peacefully on Monday morning, July 10, 2023, at Envive Healthcare of Hartford City.

She was born Aug. 26, 1929, in Poneto to Howard & Mary (Roof) Smith. Caroline graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1947.

She was a longtime member of the Poneto United Methodist Church, where she served with her husband, Cliff, as the custodian for 33 years, and was a current member of Living Water United Church.

On Nov. 28, 1947 in Poneto, Caroline and Clifford "Cliff" Rush were married. They shared 70+ years of marriage together, before he preceded her in death April 8, 2018.

She is survived by her children; Steven (Kelli) Rush of Poneto, Rev. Dennis (Lana) Rush of Farmland, and Gisele (Daniel) Schmit of Uniondale; and 10 grandchildren: Adam Rush, Aaron (Katie) Rush, Lucinda (Curt) Reinhard, Andrea (David) Shepherd, Stacy (Andrew) Bush, Katie (Greg) Hinshaw, Kristin (Sean) Chamberlain, David Rush, Rebecca (Brian) Hunt, and Matthew Schmit; and 24 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mary Smith Sprunger of Poneto.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Jack Smith, Robert Smith, and W. Allen Smith.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Clark Stoller officiating. Calling Hours will take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

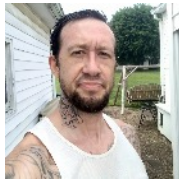
Burial will follow at Grove Cemetery in Poneto.

Memorials may be made to Living Water United Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of Envive Healthcare of Hartford City for their kind and compassionate care.

PENNINGTON

Justin T. Pennington, 42, of Bryant, IN, passed away at 12:55 PM on



Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN.

He was born on Sunday, May 24, 1981, in Bluffton, IN. Justin was a 1999 graduate of South Adams High School. He worked at Tyson Foods Inc. in Portland, IN. Justin enjoyed reading, listening to music and attending concerts, watching movies, working out, and loved watching sports, especially football.

Justin will be sadly missed by his Mother - Mary Pennington, Bryant, IN, Father - James (Linda) Cameron, Breckenridge, TX, Brothers - Rocky L. (Tiffany) Truex, Warren, IN, Jackson D. (Katie) Truex, Vera Cruz, IN, Sister - Jamie L. (Caleb) Ford, Fort Wayne, IN, 3 Half Sisters in TX, Step Son - Quintyn Smuts, Geneva, IN, Maternal Grandmother - Gladys Pennington, Geneva, IN, and Paternal Grandmother - Janet Harrison, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his Maternal Grandfather - Carl E. Pennington, and his 4 Uncles- William, Matthew, Jimmy, & Raymond Pennington.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home 100 N Washington Street Geneva on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 5:00.

A service to celebrate Justin's life will follow at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 5:00 PM on Friday, July 14, 2023. Interment will follow in the Stahl Cemetery in Bluffton.

Preferred memorial can be made to Downing & Glancy Funeral Home to help with expenses.

LARKIN

Warren Keith Larkin, 40, of Marion, passed away on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at his home in Marion.



Warren was born on September 20, 1982, to Tony and Geneva "Genny" (Draper) Larkin. He graduated from Eastbrook High School in 2001 and worked for Carey Services in Marion, Indiana. Warren enjoyed collecting, especially coins. He made many friendships at Fresenius Kidney Care and spoke of them fondly.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Genny Larkin.

Loving survivors include his brother, Justin Larkin of Marion, IN, his aunt, Sandy (Glenn) Robbins, cousins, Shane Holmes, Chad (Brandy) Holmes, Brandi (Caleb) Sheets, Shannon Brees, Carrie (Chad) Williams, and Brian (Kylie) Edwards, and several more cousins.

In honor of Warren's wishes, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

In memory of Warren, memorial contributions can be made to: Diabetes Foundation Inc, 45 Whitney Road, Suite 2M Mahwah, NJ 07430; Or Attn: Gift Processing at National Kidney Foundation HQ, 30 East 33rd Street New York, NY 10016; Or Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home to assist with expenses, P.O. Box 366 Warren, IN 46792

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me a well-rounded view of the patient experience," said Malone. "It allows me to understand and appreciate where my patients and their families are coming from so we can work together toward their healthcare goals."

While Malone enjoys building relationships with patients of all ages and at all stages of life, she has special interest in the areas of pediatrics; anxiety, depression and other mental health issues; and women's health. She focuses on treating the whole person, not just the ailment.

"My approach as a healthcare provider is caring for patients holistically, taking into account each person's physical, mental and emotional health," she said.

Outside of work, Malone enjoys exploring the community with her busy, growing family.

"I am a proud mama of three amazing little boys, so most of my leisure time is spent with my family," she said. "We enjoy trips to the zoo, outings to nearby parks, and spending time together as a family around the house. I am also active in our church and enjoy reading a good book – if I can sneak in a few moments of time alone!"

Malone is accepting new patients. She has extended hours, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays, for the convenience of patients who find it challenging to make it to appointments during regular business hours. Call 260-425-6750 for appointment scheduling.

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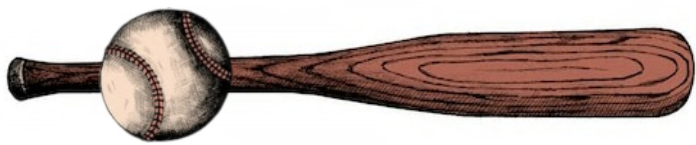
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WARREN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FINISHES THE 2023 SEASON

The WBSL Kid's Leagues finished up the season with the last championship on July 17. We would like to take this opportunity to Thank the Town of Warren for the use of the facilities, and to Town Council for their continued support. I would also like to Thank all our sponsors, coaches, umpires, Solid Rock Concessions, players and fans for another exciting year with the WBSL. Shout out to Dustin Fortney for everything he does at the park.

Special thanks to the parents for allowing us to coach your kids.

The Adult Co-Ed Softball League starts on August 1st and will play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays every week until Tourney.

Tourney Winners are as follows:

American Little League (7-10) - 1st Place Scuffle Creek Angus; 2nd Place Allen Acres

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Junior Girls Softball (7-12) - 1st Place Haneline/Century21/Bradley; 2nd Place - Century 21 Property Shoppe

Senior Girls Softball (13-17) - 1st Place Lee Farms; 2nd Place Citizens Telephone

Pony League (14-17) - 1st Place Saturn Wheel; 2nd Place HyLine Int'l.

Congrats to all the teams. See everyone next year!



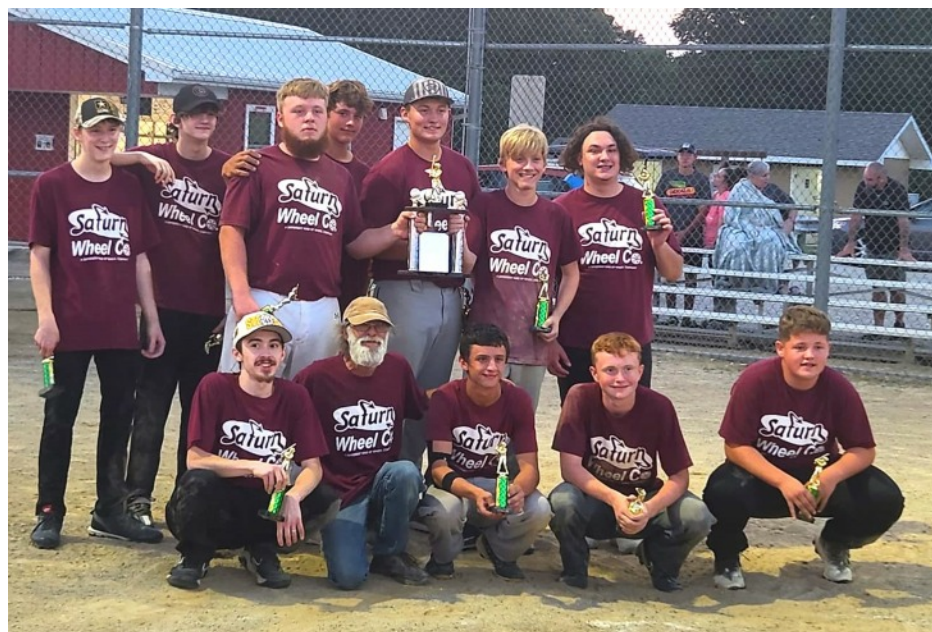
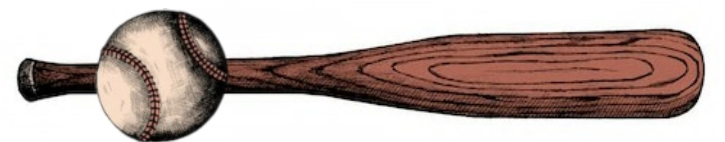
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