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Thought for the Week: No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. Eleanor Roosevelt



SCARECROW FESTIVAL FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH

At 6:00 PM!!! Bring your treat bags and spare money for fun and refreshments!

COME ON DOWN-DON'T BE AFRAID!

TO MISS THIS FUN WOULD BE INSANE

LOTS OF TREATS WILL BE PASSED OUT

SO MUCH FUN YOU'LL WANT TO SHOUT!

SOME FOOD AND EVENTS WILL BE FREE

OTHERS WILL COST A NOMINAL FEE

COME ON PARENTS - AND MASQUERADE TOO

MAKE HALLOWEEN FUN FOR ALL OF YOU!

YOU MAY NOT RECOGNIZE WAYNE STREET

OR ALL THE GOBLINS THAT YOU'LL MEET

BUT WITH THE FOOD & GAMES & FUN

YOU'LL BE SO GLAD YOU CHOSE TO COME!

The Best SPOOKTACULAR Event of the Fall Season is in Downtown Warren. Start creating your Scarecrow & Brewing your tastiest Chili! The costume parade kicks off the Festivities at 6pm at 3rd & Wayne Street. Family Friendly activities and treats will be lining the streets. The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Scarecrow Festival and encourages local businesses and organizations to participate. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a

free game or activity and provide treats for the trick or treaters! Parents Bring Backpacks for Treats to keep your hands free for fun & games. Along with the Chili Cookoff & Local Restaurants there will be Food Trucks to keep all of your families happy.

For more information, booth location, Scarecrow guidelines, and Chili Cook-off details please call Bippus State Bank of Warren @ 260-375-2265 or email

pbustos@bippusbank.com. Scarecrow & Chili Cook-off entry forms are due October 17th Late entries may be accepted if spaces are available, please call to make sure.

This is an Outside Event only, weather permitting. The Event is Friday, October 24th, 6-8pm. Check out our Facebook page "Warren Scarecrow Festival" for updates.

FLU-LAPALOOZA

Meridian Health Services invites the community to Flu-Lapalooza, a FREE one-day flu shot clinic, on Thursday, October 9 from 1 to 6 p.m., or until supplies last, at Meridian Health Services locations throughout the state of Indiana.

Free seasonal flu shots are for ages 6 months and up at the Warren office. Enter to win a \$50 grocery gift card. The flu vaccine being provided is Fluarix. This is a normal dose vaccine.

No appointment necessary. Walk-ins welcome.

SOLID ROCK FUNDRAISER

The Solid Rock Church Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago fundraiser in Warren on Monday, October 13, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All tips from the event will be used for needs in our community and beyond.

McNATT SUPPER

The McMen of the church of McNatt will host a pork chop supper Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 4:30 - 7p.m.

The menu will include pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans, a variety of desserts and a drink.

A free will offering will be taken for community needs.

The church is located 1 mile west of St Rd 3 or 800S in Wells County.

COLUMBUS DAY CLOSING

Retail services at post offices across Indiana will be closed on Monday, Oct. 13, in recognition of the Columbus Day holiday. There will be no mail delivery to street or Post Office Box addresses, except for Priority Mail Express.

All services will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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QUILTS AND CANVASES FILL SENIOR'S LIFE WITH COLOR AND HAPPINESS AT HERITAGE POINTE OF WARREN

A Life Surrounded by Beauty

Surrounded by the bright fabrics of quilts she has stitched and colorful artworks she has collected over the years, Jocelyn Smith, a resident of Heritage Pointe of Warren, is proving that creativity never gets old. Her passion for art provides a backdrop of beauty to her new home at the senior living community.

A Lifelong Love of Art

Smith, who taught home economics while raising two daughters, has always been fascinated by art and the creative process. Traveling with a friend throughout the country, they always made a point to visit art galleries where Smith collected paintings, glasswork, and pottery. These treasures now decorate her beautiful home at Heritage Pointe, where she moved two months ago.

"I've been collecting art for 40 or 50 years," she says.

Before moving, Smith winnowed her collection but kept 50 well-loved paintings, including one displaying green and yellow hues of Maryland, where she lived and taught for many years.

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Well harvest is on the way, and do I miss it, well yes and no. As many of you might not know John retired last May due to health issues and his days of getting in the big rig is definitely a thing in the past. It's not so much that he wanted to give it up, it's more like for the safety reasons. His neck issue won't allow him to turn his head to the left very well and he's just not wanting to cause problems not being able to see what's coming down the road. When he is in his pickup truck, he just goes to intersections he knows he can see what's coming, in a semi it's not that easy.

So I do like those evening load pick up on the farm, when I could get in the semi with him, so yes I do miss it and of course, the times it was me and the whole house to myself, very peaceful for those first few weeks and then it got very boring and that's when the harvest widow set in. You could only do so much cleaning, baking, TV watching.

As I get older, I like to just stay home and especially when it's cold and nasty out, you better get me to do whatever before I come in the house, cause I'm not going back out unless it's necessary. I'm not as young as I use to be and my joints ache when that nasty weather hits. I want my recliner, fireplace, heating pad, and blankie and don't forget the comfort food for supper. Lol

So back to harvest, just remember to please watch for those slow-moving vehicles, give them plenty of room and give them a friendly wave, they appreciate it more than you know and please say a prayer for their safety during this harvest season and also hope for the tariff orders to lift so we can move soybeans and they can make a fair price on their crop.

Well it's time for supper, so I better go get it out of the oven, making hobo casserole and mixed vegetables and of course a caramel apple crisp for dessert, and it all smells wonderful. Have a great week!

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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. Dr. Scotty Murphy
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
vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45am
Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

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

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Customers requiring postal services can use the Self-Service Kiosk (SSK) available at select post offices. The ATM-like kiosk, which accepts debit and credit cards only, can handle 80 percent of the transactions conducted at the retail counter such as buying stamps or shipping a package.

To find SSK locations or check hours of operation, customers can go to www.usps.com.

PARKVIEW SHOT CLINIC

Parkview Physicians Group (PPG) is now offering flu shot clinics throughout northeast Indiana for both patients and the public to protect themselves ahead of the upcoming flu season.

Flu shots will be available for individuals aged six months and older, including the regular trivalent vaccine that covers three flu strains and the high-dose vaccine recommended for those aged 65 and older, who may have a less robust immune response.

"Although we can't know for sure how this flu season will unfold, it's crucial to take all possible steps to protect your health," said Dr. Scott Stienecker, medical director of Epidemiology and Infection Prevention at Parkview Health. "Influenza is a potentially serious respiratory illness, and vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent it or reduce its impact."

Influenza (flu) viruses affect and can be fatal for vulnerable populations in Indiana. According to the Indiana Department of Health, 5% to 20% of the nation's population contracts the flu annually.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC) advises everyone six months and older to get vaccinated, particularly those at higher risk for severe complications. This includes older adults, pregnant women, young children, and individuals with heart, lung or kidney disorders, as well as chronic conditions like asthma, obesity or weakened immune systems.

Children under five – especially those younger than two – are at a higher risk for serious flu complications. While older children are generally not at high risk themselves, they can still transmit the virus to more vulnerable family members. The flu can spread starting a day before symptoms appear and up to seven days after becoming sick.

Flu shot clinics will be offered at multiple Parkview locations across northeast Indiana. For a complete list of flu shot clinic locations and hours, visit parkview.com/flu.

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call 1-877-PPG-TODAY (877-774-8632). For individuals with health care coverage, insurance will be billed;

otherwise, individuals will be billed for the shot fee.

Reminders

* Guests should wear clothing that allows clinic volunteers easy access to their upper arm to administer the vaccinations.

* Those experiencing symptoms of illness – such as sore throat, runny nose, cough, sneezing, fever, fatigue, muscle aches and/or headache – are asked not to receive a vaccine until symptoms are no longer present.

FREE POCKET PLANNER 2026

The Warren Pharmacy has just received the 2026 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner. Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2026, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each Planner has pages for some of your medical information, and standard medical information for Blood Pressure, BMI and Cholesterol.

They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy.

BATTLE OF THE BOWLS

Battle of the Bowls Soup Contest and Bake Sale - Saturday, October 25th at the Forks of the Wabash from 4-7pm.

Come enjoy beautiful fall weather, tasty treats, and skip the hassle of making dinner. Come have a bowl of soup, or taste test several bowls and and vote for your families favorite. We will provide coffee, water, or hot cocoa.

Before or after dinner, you may also enjoy the wonderful trails of the Forks, and the last day of the Haunted Forest, put on by local Boy Scouts.

Prices for the soup are as follows: \$3.00 for 1 soup ticket, \$5.00 for 3 soup tickets, or unlimited soup for \$12.

Up for a friendly contest, enter YOUR soup for \$15 for a chance to win one of 3 prizes.

We hope to see you all for fall fun and fellowship. Call or email Jessica Huscher or Renee Shultz 260-359-4410. jhuscher@huntingtoncoa.org rshultz@huntingtoncountycoa.org for entries and details.

All proceeds go to support the Huntington County Council on Aging Senior Center and Huntington Are Transportation.

HELP STAMP OUT BREAST CANCER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the U.S. Postal Service is reminding customers that they can help fund the cause by purchasing the Breast Cancer Research stamp.

These 90-cent self-adhesive semipostal stamps are available year-round in sheets of 20 to help raise funds for breast cancer research. Each stamp is equal to the First-Class Mail 1-ounce postage rate. The stamps are available at Post Offices nationwide, online at usps.com, by mail order through the USA Philatelic catalog or by calling 800-STAMP-24 (800-782-6724).

The stamp has raised about \$98 million since its release in 1998. The amount the Postal Service contributes to breast cancer research is determined by the difference between the 90-cent purchase price and the First-Class Mail rate in effect at the time of purchase, minus any costs incurred by USPS. The distribution of the Postal Service contribution is specified by law, with 70 percent given to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent

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Weekly Specials
Oct 9 - 15

FALL DÉCOR - OUTSIDE STAND

- Hormel Mini Pepperoni \$1.99 ea.
- Del Monte Crushed Pineapple \$1.79 ea.
- Jet Puffed Colored Marshmallows Only 99¢ Bag

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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.

Oct 12		COLUMBUS DAY
Oct 13	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Oct 14	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting
Oct 15	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Oct 20	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Oct 24	6-8pm	W - Scarecrow Festival
Oct 31		HALLOWEEN
Nov 5	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Nov 5	7pm	V - Tow 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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given to the medical research program at the Department of Defense.

The Breast Cancer Research stamp was the first semipostal stamp in U.S. history. In 1997, Congress authorized it for the specific purpose of raising funds from the American public to assist in finding a cure for breast cancer. Legislation was reauthorized by the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Reauthorization Act of 2019, which extended the stamp's sale authority through 2027.

In addition to the Breast Cancer Research stamp, the Postal Service offers three other fundraising stamps. The Save Vanishing Species semipostal stamp, first issued in 2011; the Alzheimer's semipostal stamp, issued in 2017; and the Healing PTSD semipostal stamp, issued in 2019.

All four stamps help raise money for causes in the national public interest and are available for purchase year-round.

Postal Products

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through USA Philatelic or at Post Office locations nationwide. For officially licensed stamp products, shop the USPS Officially Licensed Collection on Amazon. Additional information on stamps, first-day-of-issue ceremonies, and stamp-inspired products can be found at StampsForever.com.

VETERANS CELEBRATION

Inviting all Veterans, Active-Duty Military & their Families and Passed Veterans' Families to a Veteran's Celebration on Sunday, November 2nd. Solid Rock Church is hosting the annual Patriotic ceremony. A complimentary dinner will be served at 5:00 pm followed by an Armed Forces Tribute opening with Huntington's JROTC Color Guard, The Erie Band, Hallelujah Hands, Larry Ryan, Bonnie Meyers, "A Few Good Men", and more! Please share your talents by playing an instrument, singing a special song, and or sharing a favorite verse to honor our Military. Please call 260-375-4505 to schedule your talent and position in the entertainment lineup.

Our Veterans & Active Duty deserve support & praise always! We are excited to start November off by honoring our Veterans, Sunday, November 2nd to help bring awareness to Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11th.

You are welcome to wear your military uniform. Photos in Uniform, "In Action", or in a casual setting along with your Branch of Service, dates of when and where you are currently serving or have served, will be displayed along with 200 + Veterans' photos on a rolling video during the event. The photo and info may be emailed or scanned at Bolinger's Propane Service, located at 115 N. Wayne St. in Warren by Wednesday, October 29th @ 5pm. Please email ginac@agbest.com or call 260-375-4505 or 260-917-1707 to RSVP, send your photo & info, to schedule

your talent. Currently there are 200+ Military troops on the Tribute Video; there is always room for More!

Solid Rock Church is located at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, across from Heritage Point. Walk-ins are Welcome. Everyone is Invited to attend this Celebration to show support to our Military.

Thank you, Veterans, and Active-Duty Military for ALL you do for our Country, God Bless America!

ANOTHER BASEBALL TRIP TO DETROIT

by Larry Ryan

It happened again. For my birthday in 2025, my son presented a card that contained an invitation to travel to Detroit to watch a baseball game at Comerica Park. To heighten this prospective journey, the major league Detroit Tigers got off to a fast start this season. The first date game was vetoed due to the strong chance of inclement weather. To our regret, that day was a dry one wedged between two rain dates. Finally, we settled on August 6th.

On game day, he arrived at my villa at 9am. and we headed north ten minutes later. His Ford Expedition discovered I-69 north towards Fort Wayne and Lake St. Clair which is adjacent to the Motor City.

After discovering US Highway #24 in east Allen County, the car wheels bounded northeast past Woodburn, IN, Antwerp and Defiance, OH. The hungry engine stopped for gasoline at Napoleon, OH where the gas pump computer would not accept my credit card. I offered to pay for the essential fuel but was denied! I took only minimal cash with me because the ball park was advertised as credit card only! My son's card was utilized.

The Ford avoided Toledo via I-475 and I-75. The Maumee River was crossed and we were in Michigan at 11:30. Our dark SUV passed a bright, red-lettered sign announcing the Gordie Howe Bridge across the Detroit River into Windsor, Canada (Ontario Province). Howe played 25 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings hockey team that won four national championships. No Detroit Piston's basketball names were assigned to other bridges; not even Isiah Thomas who was their all-time leading scorer.

This latter team was originally the Fort Wayne

(Fred) Zollner Pistons(1941-1957). As a youngster, my father took me to see an exhibition game in the old Huntington High School Gymnasium where the Fort Wayne team played the Rochester Royals. While in high school, the Mills' family patriarch in Majenica gave me, and some friends, tickets to see the team play in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum which opened in 1952. Players in that era were George, "The Bird" Yardley, Larry Foust, Andy Phillips, Mel Hutchins, Max Zaslofsky, and Bob Houbregs.

Now, back to baseball. My son tracked I-75 North until West Fisher Service Road exit was located. Soon, the parking garage on Montcalm Street became targeted. After applying sunscreen on the face, ears, arms, and knees, it was a half block walk to Comerica Park at 2100 Woodward Avenue.

Falling in line for a security check was our next experience. There was a short delay at the ticket gate as my son retrieved the required information

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GENEALOGY REPORT

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BRYANT

Dolly L. Cunningham Bryant, 103, of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

She was born on July 27, 1922, in Huntington, Indiana, to John Maxton and Ica Lee Carey.

Dolly graduated from Huntington High School in 1940. A devoted homemaker, she enjoyed bowling and found joy in crocheting and knitting.

She was married to Walter Cunningham, who preceded her in death in 1957. She later married Richard Bryant, who also preceded her in death in 1971.

Survivors include her only son, Steven (Judith) Cunningham of New Hampshire, stepdaughter, Lucille "Susy" Boxell of Warren, IN, two step nephews and nephew, Kevin Clark of Crossville, TN.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Jean Clark and stepdaughter Carol E. Nunn.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Heritage Pointe Applegate Chapel, with Chaplain John Moyer officiating. Private burial will take place at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Huntington.

GIBSON

Dr. John A. Gibson, 77, of Warren, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He lived his life to make a difference.

After graduating from the old Lancaster High School, John began his career as a police officer in Alaska for ten years.

He then changed his career and became a registered nurse, focusing on mental health.

John received his MBA and MSN but still felt compelled to make a difference.

Coming from a family of schoolteachers, he saw how important behavioral issues were important to learning, which led him to obtain his PHD in human development with a focus on aggression and violence from the University of Hawaii in 2000.

Although he was proud of his work with East Allen County School Corporation, Fort Wayne, it wasn't until John began his journey as the Director of Behavioral Services at Adams Memorial Hospital, Decatur, that he really felt he was making a difference.

His involvement in the Boys and Girls Club of Adams County and outreach services for patients with Alzheimer's disease allowed him the inner fulfillment he had been looking towards.

John retired from AMH in 2021.

Although very career focused, he loved spending time with his family, cruising, animals and being a 32nd Degree Mason at the Decatur Lodge.

John was born on August 27, 1948, in Muncie, the son of the late Garrett Gibson and Betty (Vice) Fluke.

He was united in marriage to the love of his life and best friend, Kim Saylor, on August 3, 2005. She survives.

Additional survivors include two daughters, Ceirah (Carl) Heyneman, of Fort Wayne, and Shaleenah (Lucas) Hanson, of Huntington; a stepson, Michael (Kimberly) Grimm, of North Carolina; a brother, Tom (Pamela) Gibson, of Ossian; a daughter-in-law, Megan Springer, of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Melissa Wilson and Dar Saylor; father-in-law, Ray Saylor; eight grandchildren, Christian Springer, Isabella Springer, William Springer, Henry Springer, Jonah Hanson, Jennings Hanson, Jazelle Hanson and Ryleigh Grimm.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Luke Springer.

A visitation will be on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington.

A private family service will be at a later date.

Interment will be at Star of Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

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A Warm Welcome Home

Smith is grateful for the assistance she has received at Heritage Pointe, which pulled out all the stops to help her feel at home, including carefully installing her artwork.

"The maintenance department hung all of my paintings and pictures," she says. "They did just such a good job."

She also appreciates the LED lighting that enables her to enjoy her art collection despite macular degeneration, as well as the fresh paint and carpeting provided before her move. "It's like brand new," she says.

Quilting: Creativity with a Personal Touch

Although Smith does not paint herself, she has her own creative endeavor: quilting. Inspired by a great aunt who quilted in Indiana, Smith began sewing her own clothes when she was younger and later discovered a passion for making quilts as a young mother.

Rather than following a pattern, she prefers "scrap" quilts, fashioned from remnants of fabric or clothing pieces. "I like to do my own thing," she explains. "Scraps are memories. That's the most important thing."

One of her favorite quilts includes material from a pair of brightly patterned golf pants given by a friend. "People always know my quilts because they are so colorful," she says.

Wellness Through Connection and Creativity

At Heritage Pointe, quilting is more than a pastime. It is a way of engaging socially and giving back. Smith joins fellow quilters to practice their craft together and to make items such as hats and stuffed animals that are donated to local hospitals and nonprofits.

Even with her eyesight challenges, she refuses to give up creating. "I can't thread a needle, but I have lots of friends who can thread it for me," she says.

Living Well at Heritage Pointe

Heritage Pointe's dedication to the pillars of wellness: intellectual, physical, social, spiritual, and health services, are integral to Smith's story. From nurturing her intellectual and creative spirit with quilting, to supporting her physical needs with updated lighting, to fostering friendships through shared activities, the community provides a holistic approach that enhances every dimension of wellness.

A Happy Home

Grateful that she said, "yes to the address," Smith reflects that moving to Heritage Pointe was a positive decision. Surrounded by the quilts and artwork she treasures, and supported by a community committed to her well-being, she says simply, "It just makes me happy."

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on his cell phone. After passing through the iron gates successfully, we were free to mingle with the other noisy Tiger fans. On our way to section 32, a stop was made at a concession stand. It was nearing the 1pm. starting time for the game. After placing an order for both of us, my credit card was again found to be rejected! Cash was no good. My son's card was necessary again. I got out of paying for gas and lunch on the same day. Not really planned!

My stadium seat was in line with home plate and first base. The stadium was packed. It appeared that there were a lot of unemployed people with money in this region! Directly in front of me was a tall man. I had to lean left to see the pitcher and then to the right to locate the batter. It was back and forth for two and half hours. I felt like a lateral, Bobble Head! It was 83 degrees, but a majority of the time, a cloud cover helped to deflect some of the heat. Part of the covering may have been complemented with smoke from the Canadian forest fires.

My Tigers were behind 9-4 at the end of the 8th inning, so we headed for the parking garage. Traffic was slow while trying to access I-75 South. The Ford crossed the Maumee River twice. We stopped in Napoleon, OH again for gas. I paid \$20 of my meager cash to the attendant for the pump to function. The Burger King across the street took some more of the money for our meals.

We arrived back at my villa at 7:30. My son had an extra hour of travel to return to his home, so it was a longer day for him. I

enjoyed the trip, but was tired and announced that it would be my last trip to the Detroit venue. My desire had been fulfilled. A TV channel brings most of the Tiger games at home. He and I had made that same trip in 2022. We had better seats then!

I went to the bank and called the credit card company the following day!

LET GO OF STRESS AND WORRY

by Bryan Golden

Imagine carrying a heavy weight around with you every day. With it, you can't move fast or far. Your back hurts. Your legs are sore. Your burden is exhausting. Would you continue holding onto this weight if you didn't have to? Of course not, you would drop it as soon as possible. Without the weight, your quality of life would improve immensely.

Too many people carry around the heavy emotional weight of worry and stress. This burden has destructive effects. When it's held onto constantly, physical and mental ailments are common. Since you would readily drop a heavy physical weight, why is it so hard to let go of these mental burdens?

You have become conditioned throughout life to hold onto worry and stress. People all around you set the wrong example by their own incessant worry. Although worry and stress are so destructive, you hesitate letting them go. After all, they've been your companions for a lifetime.

Worry and stress never make circumstances better. They can make them worse. Worry and stress never make you feel better. They can make you feel worse.

Since worry and stress are so negative, your best option is just letting them go.

Letting go of stress and worry requires reconditioning on your part. You have to alter your way of thinking along with your reaction to problems. No excuses. No justification. Don't say to yourself or others any of the following: "I have good reason to worry." "I'm always so stressed out by this." "What am I supposed to do?" "It's so unfair." "Why does this always happen?" "I am so worried it makes me sick."

Any of these justifications cause stress and worry to become engrained as a way of life. Letting them go requires changing your thinking. Different results require a different approach. Don't blame other people or circumstances. You are the only one who can let it go.

Letting it go is a simple concept which seems difficult. In the same manner you would open your hand to drop a weight, you can release your worry and stress. Visualize a trap door in your mind. All of your worries and troubles are piled right on top of the trap door. Now open the trap door and imagine all of your stress and worries falling into oblivion.

Each time you feel stress and worry accumulating, open your trap door and watch the stress and worry drop away. You are striving to develop a new habit which lets go of stress and worry.

Telling yourself that this approach is not so easy sabotages your success. Conditioning yourself to let it go does take effort and determination, but it is doable. At first, you may find yourself instinctively holding onto stress and

worry instead of letting them go. Whenever you start to hold on, open the trap door. As you repeat this process, you will begin letting stuff go more often than holding onto it.

There are numerous benefits to letting go of stress and worry. You will be more relaxed. You will be happier. You will feel better physically and emotionally. You will be less irritable. As a result, you will have a clearer perspective so you will make better decisions.

Although you are letting go of stress and worry you must still take action to deal with pertinent issues. You should be concerned about circumstances which require your attention. Being proactive is prudent.

As the trap door strategy becomes your automatic response to stress and worry, you will wonder why you didn't utilize this strategy sooner. All that matters is that you are letting stuff go now. It is a much better way to live.

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SEPTEMBER RECALLS

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to act now to protect themselves and their families

Dangerous toys and appliances in your home could put your family at risk. Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on all Hoosiers to check this month's recall list to protect your loved ones. Items include children's toys, a countertop oven and other items that can

cause serious burns or even death.

"Hoosiers need to know if purchased items are defective or could harm them or their children," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "This month, several recalled products are related to children, so parents must pay close attention to ensure their kids' safety. If you purchased a recalled item, stop using it immediately."

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

Children's Products

These products pose risks such as strangulation, suffocation, choking, or head injury, particularly to young children.

* Persilux Brand Zebra Blinds: Strangulation and entanglement hazards; violates federal rule for window coverings; sold on Amazon.

* Autoez Brand Bamboo Shades: Strangulation and entanglement hazards; violates federal rule for window coverings; sold on Walmart.com.

* LXDHSTRA Baby Loungers and Crib Bumpers: Suffocation and fall hazards; violates federal standards for infant sleep products and crib bumper ban; sold on Amazon.

* URMWYO Baby Loungers: Suffocation and fall hazards; violates mandatory standard for infant sleep products; sold on Amazon by Pomona.

* YooxArmor Multi-Purpose Kids' Helmets: Risk of head injury; violates mandatory standard for bicycle helmets; sold on Amazon by YooxArmor.

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* Shierdu Children's Toys: Choking hazard; violates small parts ban; sold on Amazon by Yiwu Shiyi Trading.

* AMTRADING Hoovy Cooling Gel Insert Pads for Car Seats and Strollers: Burn hazard; sold by AMTRADING.

* In My Jammers Button Flare Pajama Sets: Burn hazard; violates mandatory flammability standards.

Home Appliances

These products present fire, burn, or laceration risks in household settings.

* Sunbeam Products Oster French Door Countertop Ovens: Burn hazard; over one million units recalled.

* Wuensche USA Ambiano Cotton Candy Makers: Fire hazard; sold at ALDI.

* Epoca International Paris Hilton Mini Beauty Fridges: Fire and burn hazards.

* Makita U.S.A., Inc. Cordless Grease Guns and Grease Gun Hoses: Laceration hazard.

Personal Care and Health Products

These products pose risks of poisoning or fire, particularly to children or users.

* Mad Rabbit "RELIEVE" Lidocaine Numbing Cream: Risk of poisoning to young children; violates child-resistant packaging standard.

* Blueroot Health Bariatric Fusion Iron Multivitamins: Risk of child poisoning; violates child-resistant packaging standard; manufactured by VitaQuest International.

* Arizer Solo II Portable Vaporizers: Fire and burn hazards; imported by 7111495 Canada.

Other Products

These products include miscellaneous items with risks such as fire, burn, or serious injury.

* Anker Power Banks: Fire and burn hazards; manufactured by Anker Innovations.

* IcyBreeze Cooling Portable Misting Fans: Fire hazard.

* Five Below Tabletop Fire Pits: Risk of serious burn

injury from flame jetting and fire hazards.

* EnHomee Dressers: Risk of tip-over and entrapment; violates mandatory standard for clothing storage units; sold by EnHomee Direct.

* StopBox USA AR-15 Chamber Lock Pros: Risk of serious injury or death.

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to September visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

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 – When Will My Disability Become My Regular Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I hope you can answer this question. I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65 but maybe it's my retirement date? Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you. Signed: Disabled Senior

Dear Disabled Senior: If you are collecting Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, those SSDI benefits will

automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS full retirement age (FRA) which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI (even though you hadn't yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI). Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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SMART WAYS TO BUILD STRESS RESILIENCE WITH TOOLS THAT WORK FOR YOU

(StatePoint) Stress is part of every day, especially when you're juggling deadlines, meetings, and endless to-do lists. And while you can't always eliminate the pressure, by building the right habits and backing them up with the right tools, you can learn to handle it better.

Thought leaders across companies have chimed in to help readers understand how they deal with stress and how their vocation has shaped their behaviors. Ariann Langsam, vice president of Marketing at Pilot Corporation of America (Pilot Pen), often collaborates with psychologists and wellness experts to explore how small adjustments can make a big difference within her role at Pilot Pen. Here, she shares three simple ways to build stress resilience — and how the right tools can help support your mindset.

1. Write It Out

When you're about to embark on something that causes you stress, maybe it's a big presentation at work or a tough conversation, taking a moment to write down positive affirmations can help calm your nerves. Try phrases like:

- "I'm ready for this."
- "I've done the work."
- "I am resilient, capable and calm."

What helps make the planning process go as smoothly as possible? Choosing a pen that feels good in your hand. A smooth-writing tool can make the act of writing feel more soothing

and intentional, not like just another task.

2. Use Tools That Keep You in Flow

Research shows that when writing feels effortless, your brain is more likely to enter a "flow state" -- that focused zone where ideas click and distractions fade. Whether you're brainstorming or planning your day, having the right pen can give you the zen focus you need.

Take the Pilot G2 Edge, for example. Designed with quick-drying ink, a cushioned grip, and a laser-textured barrel that can help regulate restless energy, it's built to minimize friction — literally and mentally — so you remain in your flow-state.

3. Let Color Work for You

Color affects mood more than most people realize. With a little intention, you can use it to shape how you feel throughout the day. For example:

- Pink sparks optimism
- Purple stimulates your creative side
- Blue can boost your productivity
- Green promotes calm and balance

You can apply this concept in small ways, like choosing color-coded pens to match your goals or surrounding yourself with certain hues in your workspace or wardrobe. It's a simple, visual way to give your brain a gentle nudge in the right direction.

Everyday stress isn't going away, but with a few mindful habits and the right tools, you can take back a sense of control. For more tips and to explore wellness-focused writing utensils, visit PowerToThePen.com.

"Small changes in your routine can have a surprisingly big impact," says Langsam. "You might not be able to change what's coming at you, but you can change how you show up for it."