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Thought for the Week: Enjoy the Festival - Memories of Years Gone By! Have a Safe and Relaxing Weekend!



HICKORY HUSKERS BUS AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Historic Warren Main Street is binging the Hickory Huskers Bus, an iconic piece of Indiana History to the Salamonie Summer Festival on Friday, July 4th!

The Hickory Huskers Bus from the movie "Hoosiers" will be parked at Riverside Park following the Salamonie Summer Festival Parade. We invite everyone to stop by, learn about the history of the bus and take a photo!

ART SHOW & REPURPOSED PROJECT

Historic Warren Main Street is excited to see all the entries and invites everyone to visit during the Salamonie Summer Festival!

Thursday, July 3rd 1 pm – 6 pm - Enter your Art Show and/or Repurposed Project at The Exchange, 201 N Wayne St., Warren, IN

Visit the Art Show and VOTE!

Art Show Hours: Friday, July 4th: After Parade until 9 pm

Saturday, July 5th: 9 am – 9 pm

Project pickup will be Sunday, July 6th 10 am – 2 pm

Vote for your favorite in the Art Show and also Vote for your favorite in the Repurposed Project Contest that has 3 categories.

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Warren Public Library will have a \$1.00 a bag used book sale, Saturday, July 5 from 10am to 2pm. Bags will be provided by the Library.

There will be selections of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, tween books, teen books, graphic novels and DVDs.

The Library is located at 123 E 3rd St, Warren. The phone number of the Library is 375-3450.

SJP BREAKFAST

The 2025 Samuel Jones Pioneer Award Breakfast will be held on Friday July 4th, 7:30AM at the Knight-Bergman Center, in downtown Warren, IN. Pre-Sale Tickets are ONLY \$5 and are available at Bippus State Bank, Warren Town Hall and the Warren Pharmacy.

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor this 37th annual Award Breakfast. It will kick-off the 2025 Salamonie Summer Festival.

Recognition of the Miss Warren Pageant winners, the Community Service Award and the Samuel Jones Pioneer Award will be presented!

Come to this informative initial Festival event. Tickets will be available at the door for only \$6.

TRASH COLLECTION

Warren trash collection which would normally be done on Friday has been rescheduled to Monday, July 7th, due to street closures

for the Salamonie Summer Festival.

There will be two collections for next week - one on Monday and the normal one on Friday, July 11th.

VB TRACTOR PULL

Van Buren's Annual 4th of July Celebration, Saturday July 5th. There will be a Tractor Pull at the Van Buren Fire Station. Weigh in at 2pm, Pulls start at 3pm.

Fire Department will host a Fish Fry at the station from 4 to 8pm.

The American Legion will have a Prime Rib Dinner at the legion from 5-8pm.

Fireworks at Dusk will be hosted by the Van Buren American Legion.

Thank you to our sponsors, the Town of Van Buren and Modern Machine.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPO

Sprout by 5 is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Early Childhood Expo, a community-focused event designed to support, educate, and empower families with young children. The expo will be held on July 12, 2025 from 10am-1pm at Flint Springs Elementary 1360 E Tipton St, Huntington IN 46750 and is free and open to the public.

The Early Childhood Expo is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for families, caregivers, and community members to explore the many resources

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Warren welcomes the new Veterans Memorial Park located on 1st Street adjacent to Riverside Park. The park is designed to Honor all Veterans in War and Peace Time, it is a great addition to our town. To be a part of the new park anyone wanting a memorial brick in remembrance of men and women who serve can purchase a brick at a cost of \$80.00. The order forms for bricks will be available at the Knight Bergman Center open house on Sunday July 6th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm After that time forms can be picked up at the Warren Town Hall 132 N Wayne St. Warren. Order forms are posted on Warren Weekly page and Historic Warren Facebook page

The park will have a dedication ceremony at a later date.

Salamonie Summer Festival Parade line-up and Full Schedule on Page 6

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ITS HERE!! Festival week 2025. Doesn't seem like it should be here already, but it is. I'm ready to roll and get this art show up and running, hoping everyone brings in their masterpieces.

I had a request for a walk down memory lane of festivals in the past, so I'll try my best. Parades are always a fun time, but I remember building floats and those fun times we had. We took tissue squares of different colors, wrapped around the pointer finger, put a little glue on it and poked it into chicken wire that had been shaped into a design. Talk about multi-colored fingers. As years went on the floats became easier to do and more cost effective, but never as pretty as the chicken wired multi color ones.

Then there was all the activities that going on during the festival. Stage one, which was at the Scout Cabin, that I remember and stage two was downtown on the 2nd Street side of the Exchange Bank. Both stages were always active with entertainment, bands, game shows, pink slipper, street dances, variety shows, cookie stacking contest, sub eating contest, and so much more.

Food vendors were always a hit. I remember the Kiwanis guys grilling hamburgers and you could smell them all over town. Then the ever popular Sam burger was invented and still to this day is very popular must have at festival time. Elephant ears and lemon shake ups, taco salads, corn dogs, hot dogs. And as times have changed food trucks change and who could forget the guy that had some wild creation that was featured on carnival eats and treats, I had to try it and it was very good. Needless to say if you couldn't find anything to eat, then you must be pretty picky. Lol

Moving on, there were many places in town you could duck into that was usually air conditioned, which some of those festivals were sweltering hot or one year it was so cold we were all in coats. But needless to say rain or shine the show must go on. I remember the time we were all piled into a building with only fans running and it was hot. Even the entertainment was hot. Best entertainment around. Who could forget tons of fun, those ladies were made for Hollywood. lol.

Then there was the art show room at what is now east Chicago that had all kinds of art work in it.

And then there was other places that you could go to for visits like the Civic Center or the churches. Which brings me to long lasting events that have been going on for years, tractor pulls, tractor shows, water ball fights, to name a few. Then there are big events that show up on the program every few years such as rodeos, demolition derbys, movie on the hill, hot air balloon ride, and the ever popular go cart races.

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Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
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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.
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Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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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
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Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45
Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

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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
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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
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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
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Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm

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available in Huntington County for children ages 0-5. The event will feature:

- Interactive booths from local childcare providers, health organizations, early learning programs, and community services
- Free activities for children
- Giveaways, raffles, and a chance to sign up for programs like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

"This expo is an opportunity for families to feel supported, seen, and connected," said Courtney Bonbrake, Coordinator of Sprout by 5. "Raising young children can be overwhelming, and we want caregivers to know they're not alone—there's a whole community here to walk alongside them."

Sprout by 5 is committed to making early childhood a community priority. The Early Childhood Expo aims to raise awareness, improve access to services, and create connections between families and the professionals who support them.

To learn more or become an exhibitor or sponsor, please contact Sprout by 5 at courtney@huntingtonccf.org or 260-227-5030

About Sprout by 5: Sprout by 5 is a Huntington County early childhood coalition working to ensure that all children ages 0-5 have the opportunity to grow up healthy, supported, and ready to thrive. Through collaboration, advocacy, and innovation, Sprout by 5 is planting the seeds for lifelong success—one child at a time.

BACK PACK PALOOZA

Warren First Baptist Church is hosting Back Pack Palooza on July 19 from 10-Noon. Free backpacks and School Supplies.

The church is located at 727 N Wayne St, Warren.

BMV SCAM TEXTS

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers about an email and text message scam falsely claiming to be a "final notice" from the Indiana Motor Vehicle Administration (BMV), 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.

"Don't let fraudsters steal your identity or hard-earned money," said Attorney General Rokita. "Scammers are using sophisticated tactics to trick Hoosiers. If you receive a suspicious text claiming to be from the BMV, do not click on any links and report it to our office immediately then call your phone provider for blocking solutions."

In previous scam messages - like June 5, 2025, scammers sent out different fraud texts from "DMV" instead of "BMV". Scammers are using a new tactic in these deceptive messages and sending through Apple's iMessage app rather than SMS messages. Our office has received multiple complaints and our Anti-Robocall Task Force is diligently working with three major Mobile Network Operators (MNO) to

reach a solution in policing these new illegal behaviors.

The scam messages claim that, by June 26, 2025, individuals with outstanding tickets will face the following actions if payment is not completed:

- * They will be reported to the BMV 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.
- * 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 BMV.
- * 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. Check this website <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 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.

A FOOTBALL & SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO LOS ANGELES DAY 2, PART 1

by Larry Ryan
My son and I were up before 6 am LA time. Actually I was awake at 5 am. Apparently, my brain was still on 8 am Indiana time. We drove about four miles before finding a fast food eatery. Pasadena is very restrictive on restaurants.

My granddaughter arrived at 8 am and became the navigator for the Nissan driver. I was relegated to the

back seat. Obviously age was not addressed. The middle of that seat became a better location for viewing through the front window. While the GPS was assisting us in locating the Warner Brothers Studios, the car crossed Bob Hope Drive. The 100 + acre studio complex was situated at 3400 Warner Boulevard in Burbank, CA.

We arrived at 8:45 and entered a museum before moving to a room full of movie exhibits. There was a Central Perk set for "Friends," the apartment for "Big Bang Theory," "Two & Half Men" set, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter exhibit, and DC Universe viewing. Movie exhibits: "Batwoman," "Rebel Without a Cause," "Lord of the Rings," "Dirty Harry," "Driving Miss Daisy," "Chariots of Fire," "My Fair Lady," "Blazing Saddles," "Casablanca," among many others.

The studio was founded in 1923 by Harry, Albert, Sam, and Jack Warner. The family's original last name was Wonskolaser. In their youth they were fascinated with the five-cent movie picture machines called Nickelodeon. Sam went on to create a Kinetoscope. In 1990 a merger occurred that created Time Warner. AT&T spent 85 Billion to form Warner Media in 2018. Finally Discovery Cable merged in 2022 as Warner

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4th of July Holiday Hours

Friday, July 4th - 10am - 4pm
Saturday, July 5th - 9am - 5pm
Sunday, July 6th - Closed

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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.

Jul 4-6		W - Salamonie Summer Festival
Jul 14	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Jul 16	7:00p	V - Town Council @ Town Hall
Jul 21	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jul-25	7:00p	W - Jai Baker 3 Concert @ Riverside Park
Aug 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 7-9		V - Van Buren Popcorn Festival
Aug 11	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly 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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Brothers Discovery. There are 36 sound stages and 14 outdoor sets on the property.

After retiring from the enormous indoor exhibits, our group of eight persons was ushered onto a shuttle for the outside tour. We passed the parking spaces for George Clooney and Tom Cruise. The driver drove by the John Wayne Studio, an empty lagoon, and onto the road where Jurassic Park had the monster scene.

We were also informed that the area houses a mile of clothing which is approximately 15,000 pieces and about the same number of shoe pairs. The complex contains a 500 seat theater for reviewing films. 200 employees man the metal shop, woodshop, and miscellaneous activities. The huge Sound Stage # 32 allowed us inside to see the three-foot-thick, Insulquilt that exists to soundproof the structure at 90%. Stage # 16 had a high roof and a basement that can be filled with water. The shuttle driver added that Jack Warner had to keep a close eye on James Dean and there are two seasons in Hollywood: "Summer and Awards."

Our tour ended at Stage # 48 which contained a food court, an Art of Sound room where four elements of phonation were singly and then combined in a clip of the movie, "Gravity." There was a large section devoted to Batman. Costumes for Superman, Wonder Woman, and Game of Thrones were displayed among others.

The very first set built on the Warner property was a New York City-like structure. The previously active New York movie industry moved to California for a more predictable weather condition.

We departed at 11:45.

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."

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Who could forget the bed races, out house races, porcelain chariot races, lawn mower races, cow patty drop, canoe race, and so much more. Over the years the Salamonie Summer Festival has brought so much to the town of Warren and not only the committee but people from organizations, business, and groups that make it happen. Thank you all for your volunteer time to make it successful for 58 years. It couldn't be done without all the support.

Stay tuned in two years # 60 is in the works, let's make it as golden as ever.

Hope to see you around this week, stop in and see me at The Exchange, if area permits I'll be working on a painted porch quilt as a demonstration. This is a small version of the popular barn quilts you see out in the country. So stop by and chat and of course, drop some change in for the baby contest and pet contest, my Suede will be on the board hoping to win Warren favorite pet!! I know he is my favorite.

See ya this week!!

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GENEALOGY REPORT

HUNT

Jessica Hunt, age 39 a resident of rural Portland, passed away on June 25, 2025, surrounded by her family at her home.

She was born on August 10, 1985, in Bluffton, Indiana, and had a life filled with love, family, and a passion for the outdoors. She was remembered as a kind soul who took joy in every moment spent with her loved ones. A graduate of Southern Wells High School in 2004, Jessica blossomed into a devoted wife and mother, embodying the spirit of warmth and generosity that defined her.

Together with her beloved husband, Nathan Hunt, she dedicated herself to the operations of Hunt's Old School Customs, where their shared vision and strong work ethic came to life. Their partnership was built not only on love but also on a mutual commitment to building something special for their community. Her family motto was "We're a family, we're a team."

Jessica cherished her role as a mother to her six beautiful children: Justin Thomas, Christiana Hunt, Summer Hunt, Nathan Hunt Jr., Josie Hunt, and Jessalyn Hunt. Each of them carries a piece of her heart and spirit as they navigate the world, deeply rooted in the values she instilled in them.

She found solace and peace in the serene companionship of horses and the beauty of the great outdoors. Jessica's connection to nature was profound; she embraced each moment with a spirit of adventure and gratitude.

As a member of River Bottom Cowboy Church in Warren, Indiana, Jessica embraced her faith and found a thriving community that reflected her love for fellowship and kindness. Her impact was felt far and wide, resonating through every life she touched with her gentle spirit.

Jessica is survived by her husband, Nathan, their children, and her cherished family: her mother, Joni Alstoft of Warren, Indiana; her

father, Patrick Thomas (wife Tony) of Upland, Indiana; her brothers, Casper, Benjamin, Nicholas, and Jordan; and countless friends who regarded her as a guiding light in their lives. She was preceded in death by her step-father, Bo Alstoft, whose memory will forever stay within the hearts of all who knew him.

Jessica's legacy will be carried on through the love she cultivated and the joyous memories she created. She will be profoundly missed, leaving behind an indelible mark on the lives she touched and an eternal echo of her laughter amidst the hearts of those she loved.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Smith Veterinary Clinic in Berne to assist with those needing help with the care of their animals.

STUCKY

Martha Ellen Stucky, 86, of Warren, passed away at Heritage Pointe of Warren on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

She was born on February 27, 1939, at her family's home in Majenica to Louie and Mabel (Tyner) Mills.

Martha graduated from Lancaster High School in 1957. She married Robert Dean Stucky on October 26, 1963. He preceded her in death on August 2, 1995.

Martha worked at Salamonie School, Warren, in the library and cafeteria and as a teacher's aide.

She also worked at the Warren Auto Truck Plaza and sold for Avon. Martha loved poodles, crafting and gardening in her flower beds.

She was excellent at sewing and would make her children's clothing. Martha, along with her husband, Bob, ran the

Warren Baseball League for over 20 years.

She loved spending time with her family and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Martha was a member of the First Christian Church of Warren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, great-grandson Finn Gould, and sisters, Nancy Ziegler, Shirley Myers and Carol Yeiter.

Loving survivors include her children, Rhonda (Gilles) Lemay, Brenda (John) Tolen, Gregory (Kathy) Stucky and Mark (Shayna) Stucky; grandchildren, Jessica (Brandon Strubel) Stucky, Nichole (Jessie) Gould, Alexander (Tasha) Tolen, Austin (Mercedes) Stucky, Robert (Christi) Lemay, Amanda Tolen, Anna Lemay, Nicholas (Breanne) Stucky, Zachary Tolen, Marcelle Lemay, Sierra Tolen, Logan Stucky, Sophia Tolen and Blake Stucky; great-grandchildren, James Koeberlein, McKenna Stucky, Brooklyn Koeberlein, Owen Stucky, Ace Gould, Alina Tolen, Octavia Tolen and Oliver Gould; sister, Marilyn (Bill) Kunz; brothers-in-law, Rex Zeigler and Ray Yeiter.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at First Christian Church of Warren, 202 E. Second St., Warren, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, from 2 to 8 p.m. and again on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 5 to 6 p.m.

A funeral service will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating.

Martha will be laid to rest privately at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, next to her husband.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to First Christian Church of Warren, P.O. Box 344, Warren, IN 46792.



ARNOLD

Roberta "Bert" Jean Arnold, 101, of Bluffton passed away on Monday morning, June 30, 2025, at River Terrace Estates.

Roberta was born on Jan. 20, 1924, on the family farm in Liberty Center to Hiram "Hi" and Grace (Moyer) Garton. She graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1942. On March 10, 1945, Roberta and Robert R. Arnold were married at the Liberty Center Methodist Church. They shared 41 years of marriage together, working on the farm, until Bob preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1986. Roberta was always willing to do whatever was needed to get things done on the farm, from milking cows and providing meals, to driving the tractor and mowing the grass.

Roberta was a lifelong Wells County resident and lifetime member of the former Liberty Center Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and helped in the kitchen. She was a very active supporter of the Southern Wells F.F.A. program and the Wells County 4-H program.

After sponsoring a trophy for the Wells County 4-H program and a simple thank you card from the recipient, Hanna (Josh) Thacker, grew into a 21-year pen pal, and Roberta considered Hanna a dear and special granddaughter.

Survivors include her two sons, Jerry L. (Tammy A.) Arnold and Terry E. (Vickie L.) Arnold, all of Bluffton. She was a loving "Grandma Bertie" to five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren with two more on the way, along with step-great-grandchildren and step-great-great-grandchildren.

Roberta loved being around young people. Over the years, she has opened her heart and

her kitchen to her family and many of the grandchildren's friends. They all still refer to her as Grandma Bertie and many were fed homecooked meals at her kitchen table!

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bob; and her siblings, twin sisters Bernice Garton and Beatrice Grove, Josephine Barnell, Maxine Harter, William Garton, Wayne Garton and Don Garton.

Roberta was taken to her home church for the first time as an infant, and 101 years later, her family will take her back one more time to celebrate her life! Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 7, 2025, at the Liberty Center Community Church with her nephew, Tony Garton officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Visitation will take place on from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Center Community Church, Wells County 4-H Program or to the Southern Wells F.F.A. Program and can be directed through the funeral home.

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PARADE LINE-UP

1. VFW POST 2689 (TRUCK PULLING TRAILER WITH WALKERS)
2. FREEDOM RIDERS CHAPTER 5 MOTORCYCLES (APPROX 6-10)
3. WARREN POLICE (2 VEHICLES)
4. HUNTINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF (1 VEHICLE)
5. INDIANA STATE POLICE (2 VEHICLES)
6. WARREN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT (5 VEHICLES)
7. MT ETNA FIRE DEPARTMENT (1 VEHICLE)
8. HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT (1 VEHICLE)
9. PARKVIEW HUNTINGTON EMS (1 VEHICLE)
10. HUNTINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (1 VEHICLE)
11. VOGLEMAN'S REPAIR & TOWING (2 VEHICLES)
12. WOODY'S TOWING (2 VEHICLES)
13. HISTORIC WARREN MAIN STREET PRESENTS 1939 Chevy Bus (1 VEHICLE)
14. KBC 100TH ANNIVERSARY (1 VEHICLE)
15. 2025 SAMUEL JONES AWARDS WINNER (1 VEHICLE)
16. 2025 MISS WARREN (1 VEHICLE)
17. 2025 JUNIOR MISS WARREN (1 VEHICLE)
18. 2025 LITTLE MISS WARREN (1 VEHICLE)
19. 2025 MISS WARREN PRINCESSES (TRUCK & TRAILER)
20. KBC MANDY SURFUS T-BALL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
21. SPECIAL
22. KBC COACHS PITCH - REIFENER FINANCIAL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
23. WARREN BASEBALL TOWER PARK B&K ROOTBEER TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
24. AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE SHEETS HEATING & COOLING TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
25. DEWEESE SOFT WATER & APPLIANCE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
26. COACHS CONNECTION WARREN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL JR GIRLS TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
27. HERITAGE POINTE JR GIRLS SOFTBALL (1 truck) - stage at dentist office
28. WARREN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE TEAM REBER'S (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
29. DOGWOOD GLEN OF WARREN SOFTBALL/BASEBALL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
30. WARREN FITNESS JUNIOR SOFTBALL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
31. ALLEN ACRES JUNIOR SOFTBALL TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
- 31.5 COACHS PITCH-HOOSIER REAL ESTATE GROUP-SOLD BY MIRANDA - stage at dentist office
32. CITIZENS TELEPHONE SENIOR SOFTBALL GIRLS TEAM (1 VEHICLE) - stage at dentist office
- 32.5 JH POTTERY WORKS T-BALL TEAM - stage at dentist office
33. CENTURY 21 JR GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM AND AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE SCUFFLE CREEK TEAM (TRUCK & TRAILER) - stage at dentist office
- 33.5 Lee Farms - Senior Softball League ages 13-17 (1 truck) - stage at dentist office
34. EDGEWATER MILLS (TRACTOR & FLOAT) (2 VEHICLES)
35. THE BIPPUS STATE BANK (1 VEHICLE)
36. 1948 ANTIQUE PLYMOUTH 5 PASSENGER COUPE - NELSON BELL
37. WARREN LIONS CLUB (PICKUP PULLING TRACTOR & FLOAT)
38. MIZPAH RACING SHRINERS (8 CARS)
39. AUSTIN REALTY LLC (1 FLOAT)
40. JOY PLEASERS CLOWN MINISTRY (BICYCLES & WALKERS)
41. NESS BROTHERS REALTORS & AUCTIONEERS (2 TRUCKS)
42. WARREN AREA ANTIQUE TRACTORS (15 TRACTORS) - stage at old doctors office - grp #1
43. WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY (JEEP AND APPROX 10 WALKERS)
44. HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (2 TRUCKS & WALKERS)
45. AERIAL AG LLC (TRUCK & TRAILER)
46. WARREN AREA ANTIQUE TRACTORS (15 TRACTORS) - stage at doctors office - grp #2
47. SPECIAL
48. HUNTINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICANS (FLOAT & SUV & WALKERS, 1 OR 2 GOLF CARTS)
49. CHAD HAMMEL FOR SHERIFF OF HGTM COUNTY (2 VEHICLES)
50. LITTLE MISS & JR MISS HGTM COUNTY HERITAGE DAYS PAGEANT (1 CAR)
51. HUNTINGTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR BOARD ASSOCIATION (3 CARS)
52. LITTLE MISS INDIANA (1 CAR)
53. MRS. INDIANA AMERICA 2025 (1 CAR)
54. WARREN AREA ANTIQUE TRACTORS (15 tractors) - stage at doctors office - grp #3
55. MR. KOOL (TRUCK & CAR)
56. DANCE THROUGH HIM (1 CAR)
- 56.5 HUNTINGTON DOG SALON (TRUCK)
57. WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHURCH BUS)
58. CELEBRATING AMERICAS 250TH (UTV)
59. SOLID ROCK SOS (1 FLOAT)
60. WES KNOX & SONS ROOFING/RUFENER FINANCIAL (TRUCK AND 16 FT TRAILER)
61. WARREN HEALTH AND FITNESS (MOWER PULLING TRAIN BARRELS PLUS WALKERS)
62. WARREN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
63. AARON HARTMAN ANTIQUE TRACTOR
64. SIGMA PHI GAMMA
65. WARREN CARTS LLC
66. HOMETOWN USED FAMILY FURNITURE (HORSE & CARRIAGE)
67. SPECIAL
68. THE FARMERS DOG GROOMING (PONY & WAGON)
69. EAST OF CHICAGO (CAR & WALKERS)
70. TW & SONS TRUCKING & EXCAVATING (1 dump truck)
71. LIME CITY WHEELERS (10-30 JEEPS) stage at Warren Fitness



58th Annual



Thursday, July 3

Antique Tractor & Engine Show
Ag-Express - Field Demos all day
Warren Area Antique Tractor Club, Inc

Friday, July 4

7:30am - **Samuel Jones Breakfast** @ Knight Bergman Center
Warren Area Chamber of Commerce

9-4 **Salomonie Valley Museum**
@ Knight Bergman Center

9:00am - **Volleyball Registration**
10:00a.m. - **Tournament Begins**
@ Tower Park
Warren Service & Supply

10 - **8 Antique Tractor & Engine Show**

Ag-Express - Field Demos all day
Warren Area Antique Tractor Club, Inc
Noon-9pm Flea Market
Corner of 2nd and Main Streets
7pm - **Parade**

Wayne Street / Downtown
*Parade awards given immediately following parade

Glancy Funeral Home

8-10pm - **Matt Schweikhart & Family plus Mindy Drayer**
@ Riverside Park
Heritage Pointe

After Parade - **Princess/Super Hero Party (10 & under)**@
Family Fun Freeway
Aerial Ag, LLC & The Grayson Family

After Parade - **9pm - Art Show**
@ The Exchange
Historic Warren Main Street

Saturday, July 5

7-6a - **Antique Tractor & Engine Show**

Ag-Express - Field Demos all day
Warren Area Antique Tractor Club, Inc

8a-3p - **Car/Truck/Bike Show**
Downtown

Reber's Repair, DeWeese Softwater & Appliance & Warren Market

9am - **Antique Tractor Pull**
KBC - Below the Hill
Boost Mission Tractor Club

9-4 - **Salomonie Valley Museum**
@ Knight Bergman Center

9-7 - **Flea Market**
Corner of 2nd & Main Sts

9-9 **Art Show**
@ The Exchange
Historic Warren Main St

10-2 **Warren Public Library Book Sale**
@ Warren Public Library

10-6 - **Family Fun Freeway**
2nd & Nancy Sts
Warren Area Chamber of Commerce

12:30am - **Bingo**
Doors Open at 11:30am
Knight Bergman Center
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1pm - **Waterball Fights**

Knight Bergman Center
Basketball Court
Warren Volunteer Fire Department

1pm - **Mark's Ark**
@ Family Fun Freeway
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Face Painting
@ Family Fun Freeway
Warren Pharmacy

2-5p - **Water Slide & Free Root Beer Floats (while they last)**
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Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene
4pm - **Snack & Cake Walk**
@ Family Fun Freeway
Church of Christ

4 - 6pm - **Touch A Truck Event**
Downtown
Salomonie Summer Festival

6:00p - **Warren's Amazing Race**
Sign up at Info Both

7-9pm - **Jam Box Band**
@ Riverside Park
Citizens Telephone

Sunday, July 6

9 - 4pm - **Salomonie Valley Museum** @ Knight Bergman Center

10am - **WAMA Community Worship Service**
@ Riverside Park (bring your own chairs)
Warren Area Ministerial Association

10-2p - **Art Show (pick up entries)**
The Exchange
Historic Warren Main Street

Noon - **Antique Tractor & Engine Show**
@ Ag Express
Warren Area Antique Tractor Club, Inc.

Noon - **Pickleball Registration**
@ Tower Park
Gebhart's Greenhouse
1-3pm - **Kid's Fishing Derby**
Dogwood Glen Villa's Pond
DeWeese Softwater & Appliance

1-4pm - **KBC 100th Year Celebration**
@ Knight Bergman Center
7:30-9:30pm - **Cook & Belle**
@ Tower Park
DeWeese Softwater & Appliance & SSF Committee

Dusk - **Fireworks @ Tower Park**
(Rain date Saturday, July 12)
SSF Committee & Private Donors

CONTINUING EVENTS

- * **INFORMATION BOOTH** Wayne & Second Streets
- * **FOOD VENDORS** - Second St
- * **FAMILY FUN FREEWAY** - 2nd & Main Streets
- * **Small World Nursery School Baby & Pet Photo Contest** - Inside The Exchange
- * **CASH DRAWING** - Tickets at Information Booth Drawing to be held before Fireworks. Spons by SSF

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