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Thought for the Week: When you have a dream you've got to grab it and never let go. Carol Burnett



CEO OF HERITAGE POINTE COMMUNITIES RETIRES AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE.

Warren, Indiana—Jon M. Brown, President of the United Methodist Memorial Home Board of Trustees, recently announced that David P. Souder (above left) has retired as Chief Executive Officer/Administrator from the Corporation effective May 1, 2023.

David began his 47-year career at UMMH in 1976 after graduating from Indiana University with a degree in Business Administration. He served as Associate Administrator from 1976 until 1993 at which time he was appointed CEO/Administrator and Foundation Director. David, along with his father, Philip Souder, and grandfather, Dr. D.C. Souder, have served UMMH for more than 85 years.

Under David's leadership, there have been many additions and remodeling projects at the Heritage Pointe of Warren campus. It is also home to Dogwood Glen Villas and Dogwood Glen Golf Course. In addition, Heritage Pointe of Huntington was built in Huntington in 2001 to serve that community. In 2014, the Heritage Pointe of Fort Wayne campus and villa community were constructed in Allen County to serve that population.

David said he is tremendously grateful to all of the dedicated employees whose mission is to care for the residents at all of our communities. He is honored by all of the residents who choose to live on our campuses and make it their home.

Mr. Brown, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, praised David for the extraordinary job he has done over his lengthy tenure, his professionalism, and Christian values which always lived up to the mission of UMMH.

ARTS & CRAFTS

MARKETPLACE

The Salalomie Summer Festival will sponsor it's First Annual Arts & Crafts Marketplace. To be held Saturday November 11th, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Center, 132 Nancy Street, Warren, IN. This program will help raise funds for future SSF events. The SSF is an annual event for the Warren area.

Vendor Space is available for Pottery, Paintings, Woodworking, GlassWare and De'cor. For an Application or more information please contact the SSF Marketplace Director at 260-366-7533 (call or text).

BINGO AT FESTIVAL

Beta Delta Chapter is hosting Bingo at the Salalomie Summer Festival Saturday July 1, 2023, doors will open at 11:30 Bingo begins at 12:30. Cost is \$20.00 for 20 games. No admittance under the age of 16. We will have Gift Cards, Longaberger Baskets, Thirty-One Bags, Pampered Chef and other items. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

SSF COMMUNITY

WORSHIP

Salamonie Summer Festival Community Worship Service will be held at Riverside Park on July 2nd at 10am. Sponsored by WAMA. Speaker: Mickey Strong WCC Worship: Warren Church of Christ.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

It's so close to festival time! June 30th is the kick-off day, are you ready, do you have your parade entry forms turned in yet? We have so many great events planned. You can pick up a festival schedule at the merchants in Warren. Need a festival T-shirt - pick it up at East of Chicago, Wagon Wheel and Warren Pharmacy, Bippus Bank & Deweese Appliance (sorry we are all out of sizes 2xl & 3xl).

If you would like to volunteer, we can always use the extra help during the festival. Check with any festival committee member and they will let you know what we need help with. It takes a lot of people to put on this great event and we only have 11 people on the committee. If you see someone with a festival STAFF shirt on during the festival be sure and thank them for all their hard work!

We will be selling raffle tickets during the festival for an Apple Ipad to be given away before the fireworks on Sunday, July 2nd. Tickets will be available at the information table downtown during the festival.

We are looking forward to a fun time during the festival and we hope you are too!

TICKETS AVAILABLE

The 35th Annual Warren Chamber of Commerce Samuel Jones Pioneer Breakfast will be Friday, June 30th 8a.m. at the Knight Bergman Civic Center.

This event is open to the public and has been the kick-off of the Salalomie Summer Festival since 1989!!

Recognition of people and groups that contribute their time and dedication to the Warren Area will be announced. The Samuel Jones Pioneer Award, the Community Service Award, along with Warren Royalty award winners, will be introduced. A brief History of Warren will also be presented.

Tickets are available for only \$5 Pre-Sale or \$6 at the Door. Pre-Sale tickets are available at Bippus State Bank, the Town of Warren and the Warren Pharmacy.

Support your Salalomie Summer Festival.

SSF SHIRTS

2023 SSF T-Shirts are now available at 7 locations in Warren, IN. Bippus State Bank, Citizens Telephone, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, East of Chicago, Wagon Wheel Cafe, Warren Pharmacy and the Warren Town Hall.

Multiple sizes are available for only \$10. Sizes are Youth Sizes: S, M, L and Adults Sizes: S-XL. Adult Sizes 2X-3X are \$15.

The Warren Pharmacy has a few 2022 T-Shirts Youth Large and Youth Medium available for only \$5. 2021 SSF T-Shirts in Small Adult and Youth Large are also available for only \$5.



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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Flemming

This week I've turned the recipe box over to my granddaughter Kylynn. We've been busy in the test kitchen on 4-H and found a great bread sticks recipe in the 4-H manual. This recipe can easily be cut in half and is plenty for a family of four.

This was her first attempt with yeast dough and she did a fantastic job. She needs practice on getting the shaping, but the taste was really good and excellent with spaghetti and meat sauce that we had for supper. So here is the recipe.

Bread Sticks

- 5 to 6 c. All purpose flour
- 3 tbsp. Sugar
- 2 tsp. Salt
- 2 Pkg. Yeast
- 2c. Water
- 1/4 c. Oil or shortening

Grease two cookie sheets
 In a large bowl, combine 2 c. Flour with the sugar, salt and yeast. Blend well

In a saucepan, heat water and oil until very warm. (120 to 130 degrees)

Add warm liquid to the flour mixture and blend with an electric mixer at low speed until moist. Beat three minutes more at medium speed.

By hand, stir in an additional 2 1/2 c. to 3 c. of flour until dough pulls cleanly away from the bowl.

Flour the surface you will be kneading. Knead in 1/2 to 1 c. Flour until the dough is smooth and elastic, approximately 5 minutes. Place dough in a greased bowl large enough for dough to double in size. Turn dough to coat it with grease so the surface doesn't dry out.

Let dough rise in a warm place until doubled in size for about an hour.

Punch down dough several times to get rid of air bubbles. Divide dough in half and roll out in a rectangle. Cut into 32 pieces. Place on cookie sheet and let rise for 30 min. or till double.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for approximately 14 minutes

Papaw said they would be awesome with cheese sauce and marinara.

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 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 Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & John Moyer
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.

OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
 Monday thru Friday
 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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 260-375-2811
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 Pator Rusty Strickler
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 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST
 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
 765.524.3390
 Pastor Trevor O'Dell, 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 Time 9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, 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. 7:00 p.m.

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 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages 9:00 - 9:45
 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00
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SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-2102
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 Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during
 Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:30 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
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 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
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FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
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 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Stop by one of our local business locations and pick one up today to support your local community events!

SSF TINY TOTS EVENT

Saturday, July 1st from 11am-6pm Abate (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education) Tiny Tots will take place near Family Fun Freeway on Main Street near 2nd Street. This event is for children who weigh less than 80lbs. NO OPEN TOE SHOES are allowed so please make sure your child has on tennis shoes.

Parents must be present with child and must sign a waiver. Parents will not be allowed to go inside/around the track with their child, we have trained people that will be inside track with your child at all times. This is a fun experience for the kids.

Thank you ABATE for allowing us to bring this event to the Salamonie Summer Festival. Any questions, please call 260-307-3638.

OPEN CLASS

HORTICULTURE SHOW

An Open Class Horticulture Show will be held during the Huntington County 4-H Fair on Sunday July 23. Huntington County residents can compete in five main categories including:

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

Registration forms, event flyer and show guidelines are available at: https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington/_docs/anr/huntingtonanr.html

There are two age divisions including a Junior (18 & under)/Senior (19 & older) team and a Senior Only (19 & over) team. Note that teams and individuals may submit displays in multiple categories. Registration forms are due in advance to the Huntington Co. Extension

Office or email to brettstephan72@gmail.com by 7/16/2023.

Displays should be dropped off from 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. on the day of judging. Judging begins at 4.00pm at the Heartland REMC stage (Huntington Co. Fairgrounds) on 631 E Taylor St. in Huntington.

This show is being initiated through a collaboration between the Huntington Co. Master Gardeners and 4-H Fair Board members. There is no charge to enter displays at this event. Local sponsors are supporting prizes and ribbons for winning entries.

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

FREE DNR SMARTPHONE APP

The upgraded, free smartphone app of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is available now to help you maximize your enjoyment of the outdoor recreation the DNR offers in the Hoosier state.

Although there are many options in app stores about DNR recreation, the

information in the DNR app comes straight from the source.

The app is available to iPhone and Android users and is also formatted for use on tablets like iPad and Galaxy Tab.

Returning users will notice that the app has been completely rebuilt on a new platform for better device compatibility, featuring a new interface, better maps, more content, and the ability to receive notifications.

“Our DNR team is continuously looking for ways to improve our guests’ experience at our properties across the state,” said Dan Bortner, DNR director. “With this new app, finding a campsite, a trail, or your new favorite fishing hole is now even easier while you’re on the go. Whether you’re new or seasoned in outdoor recreation, this is an app you’ll definitely want to download.”

This is the third major rewrite of the app, which was first launched in 2010. To install, search the app store for Indiana DNR, where you’ll see the DNR logo in the icon. More details on how to install are at on.IN.gov/dnr-apps.

“We are thrilled to partner with the Department of Natural Resources to provide a new channel of communication for their customers across the state,”

said Andrew Hoff, general manager of Tyler Indiana. “DNR’s innovative implementation of the MyCivic platform is one of the first in the nation and will allow the agency to keep outdoor enthusiasts updated with the latest information and important alerts.”

While downloading this app, you may also be interested in downloading the Indiana State Nature Passport from Visit Indiana, which allows users to collect check-ins at DNR properties to exchange for prizes.

BEWARE MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

State health officials are urging Hoosiers to take steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites after West Nile virus (WNV) was detected in mosquitoes for the first time this year.

A mosquito sample collected in Clinton County has tested positive for WNV. No human cases of WNV disease have been detected this year. However, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) expects WNV activity to continue across the state during mosquito season, which continues through the first hard freeze.

“With warm temperatures already here, people are spending more time outside. Taking a few precautions to avoid mosquito bites can help ensure Hoosiers enjoy outdoor activities safely,” said State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP.

Even a container as small as a bottle cap can become a mosquito breeding ground, so residents should take the following steps to eliminate potential breeding grounds:

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jun 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jun 21		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
Jun 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jun 30-Jul 2		W - Salamonie Summer Festival
Jun 30	7:00p	W - Attaboy Concert @ Riverside Park
Jul 1	7:00p	W - The Bulldogs @ Riverside Park
Jul 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY
Jul 5	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Jul 5	7:00p	V - Town Council meeting @ Town Hall

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;
 Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC
 These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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* Discard old tires, tin cans, ceramic pots, or other containers that can hold water;

* Each week, empty and scrub items that hold water such as birdbaths, toys, pools, and flowerpot saucers;

* Repair failed septic systems;

* Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors;

* Keep grass cut short and shrubbery trimmed;

* Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up the drains;

* Frequently replace the water in pet bowls;

* Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with predatory fish.

State health officials recommend the following personal protective measures:

* Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are active (especially during evening hours, from dusk to dawn, and in the early morning);

* Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol to clothes and exposed skin;

* Cover exposed skin by wearing long sleeves and long pants in places where mosquitoes are especially active, such as wooded and shady areas;

* Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home.

About 80 percent of people infected with WNV virus will not develop any symptoms. About 20 percent of people infected with WNV will develop an illness accompanied by fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Less than 1 percent of people infected with WNV will develop severe illness affecting the nervous system, which can include inflammation in the brain or in the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. About 10 percent of severe WNV disease cases are fatal. People older than 60 years and those receiving immunosuppressive medications or treatments are at greatest risk of severe WNV disease.

People who think they may have West Nile virus should contact their healthcare provider.

IDOH has developed a mosquito surveillance dashboard, which will allow Hoosiers to better understand their risk for mosquito-borne disease based on virus activity occurring throughout the state. To view the dashboard and learn more about mosquito-borne disease, visit our website.

For important health updates, visit the Indiana

Department of health at www.health.in.gov or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN/.

AVOID SCAMS WHEN BOOKING A HOTEL ONLINE

If you are planning an upcoming trip, keep an eye out for hotel booking scams. BBB Scam Tracker has received multiple reports of travelers falling victim to lookalike websites. Always confirm you are on the right website before making hotel reservations.

How the scam works
You search for hotels in the city you plan to visit. Among the top search results is what appears to be an official hotel website or a legitimate travel booking agency. When you click the link, you find a website with professional photos from the hotel and reasonable pricing.

Everything looks normal, so you decide to book a room. You enter your credit card information and check out. However, when you review your credit card statement, you notice you've been charged a much higher rate than you agreed. It turns out that you weren't on the official hotel website after all! You accidentally clicked on a third-party site without affiliation with the hotel.

One consumer reported this experience: "I was redirected without knowing it to a 3rd party website... which looked like the hotel website. I made what I thought was a reservation for two nights. But when I got the email confirmation, I saw that I was charged almost \$1,000. I was immediately concerned and located the ACTUAL hotel, and they said that there is no reservation under my name/email and booking number which doesn't even line up with the format that they use."

When you contact the company to cancel your reservation, you may not be able to get through to anyone. And even if you do,

they'll likely tell you you've made a non-refundable reservation. The best they can do is cancel your reservation and charge you for it anyway.

How to avoid hotel booking scams

* Only book hotels through official websites. The best way to avoid this kind of scam is to check and double-check you are on an official hotel website before you enter your credit card information. Scammers are pros at building fake lookalike websites to fool you into giving up your information. Look closely at the URL to ensure you are on the hotel's official website or a booking agency you know and trust.

* Only make reservations through secure websites and their payment pages are secure, meaning they start with https:// and display a padlock symbol. If a web page isn't secure, don't enter your personal information and close the tab.

* Watch out for misleading ads. Look at search results carefully. Just because a website is the first result on the page doesn't mean it's legitimate. Watch out for high-ranking ads that scammers could sponsor.

* Research businesses you aren't familiar with. If you find a booking site that looks professional but you haven't heard of it before, proceed with caution. Search for reviews on third-party websites and keep a close eye out for reports of scams. Never share your personal information with a person or business until you know they are trustworthy.

For more information
To plan your next vacation, visit the BBB Travel HQ for more tips and advice. You'll learn more about best booking practices, staying safe during travel, and avoiding scams.

If you spot a hotel scam, report it at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker). Your report helps to boost consumer awareness and stop scammers in their tracks.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

(Editors Note: The Baker and McCroskey obituaries printed here and being reprinted to correct the photo placement from last week's edition.)

BAKER

Judith Kay (Durnil) Baker, of Marion, went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the age of 82, surrounded by her family.

She was born on November 25, 1940, to Pearl LaVelle (Brown) and Waylen Leon Durnil in Wabash.

Judi graduated from Jackson Center High School in 1958, where she participated in the marching band.

In her younger years, she worked at the bank in Warren, Haag Drugs, Marion, and Dunkin' Donuts, Marion.

After being a stay-at-home mother for several years, Judi earned her Dietary Manager Certification and worked at Bradner Village, Marion, Colonial Oaks, Marion, and finally retired from Albany Health Care at the age of 74.

She loved the residents, and they were like family to her.

Judi loved the dress up days and holiday parties because it was so fun for the residents.

She had a vibrant, spontaneous and joyful personality.

Judi loved anything bright and colorful, especially things with glitter, sparkle and sequins.

She had many "collections" including cardinals, books (especially cookbooks and bibles), thimbles, Doughboy, spoons, post cards and vintage albums among other things.

Judi loved crosswords and word find puzzles.

She loved her pets, too. Buddy was her best friend.

Judi was a great cook and always had a full pantry and a large selection of cookware and utensils. She was happy cooking for her family and they enjoyed her delicious meals, especially her turkey gravy, dressing and butterscotch pie.

When she was in her 50's, she accepted Christ as her Savior at an Easter sunrise service. Judi became very active at Center Chapel Church, Marion, enjoying her weekly bible studies with the Women's Fellowship and enjoyed many church trips on Lightrider bus with her friends.

She especially loved praising and worshiping the Lord through music.

As the generations grew, Nana Baker was so proud of her grands and greats. She loved hearing how they were doing in school, sports and everything else they were involved in. Family bonfires were a favorite time for her. Preceding Judi in death were her parents and grandson, Corry Boatwright.

She will be forever remembered by her children, Donna (Rod) Boatwright, Tonya (Randy) Smith and Brian (Lisa) Mauller.

Judi also was fortunate to have bonus children, Anne Owen, Tammy (Gary) Stout and Thomas (Vickie) Baker Jr.; grandchildren, Sarah (Ryan) McDaniel, Jessica (Scott) Justice, Nathan (Mandi) Smith, Aaron Smith, Tiffany (Austin) Rausch, Joshua Michael (Jill) Baker, Meagan (Shad McDaniel) Westfall, Morgan (David) Morris, Nicole Stout, Kayla Stout and Kreig Baker; great-grandchildren include Cameron (Hannah) Yeakle, Austin (Gracie) Yeakle, Chloe McDaniel, Carson McDaniel, Katie Justice, Karissa (Seth) Pomeroy, Kacey (Drew) Grubb, Karmin (Blayne) Altum, Micah Smith, Riley Smith, Brooklyn Rausch, Ruby Baker, Alex Baker, Jack Baker, Jett Baker, Jude Baker, Chloe, Evie and Bearett, Corbin, Lily Anne and Marley; great-great grandchildren, Lane, D'Angelo, Adrionna, Hunter, Jaeci, Emma, Beau, Luke, Remington, Karleigh and Levi; sister, Vicki Durnil; nieces.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of University Nursing Center, Upland, for their excellent

and compassionate care of their mother.

A celebration of life service will be on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Center Chapel Church, 8733 E. 200 S., Marion.

MCCROSKEY

Nancy Ann McCroskey, 87 of rural Wells County, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Envive Healthcare in Hartford City, Indiana.

Nancy was born on Nov. 19, 1935, in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Niels Moller and Anna Mae Bell (Mock) Moller. She married Donald McCroskey on July 22, 1966, in Marion, Indiana; he passed away on April 13, 2007.

Nancy worked for the Marion Chronicle Tribune for 15 years and retired in 1982 to stay at home with her family. She spent a lot of time milking dairy cows and had a love for painting and crafts, horses, ponies, and cows. Nancy was a lifetime member of the Indiana Saddle Horse Association and a member of the Circle G Saddle Club.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Randy McCroskey, and grandson, James Holt.

Loving survivors include her children, Robert (Wife, Brenda) Holt of Cleveland, TN, Karen (Holt) (Kramer) Webb of Van Buren, IN, daughter-in-law Katherine McCroskey of Van Buren, IN, grandchildren, Chelle Bridges, of Converse, IN, Dana Jo Holt, of Lauderdale, MN, Craig Kramer, of Van Buren, IN, Christopher Kramer, of Marion, IN, Holly Kershner, of Marion, IN, Robert Holt, of Trimble, MO, Shannon Heyde, of Van Buren, IN, and Kyle Webb, of Van Buren, IN, 11 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

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

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Nancy's honor can make

them to: Feed the Children by visiting feedthechildren.org.

DAVIS

Rae Jean Davis, 92, of Marion, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, June 4, 2023.

She was born on February 24, 1931, in Marion to the late Raymond and Georgia (Thompson) Griffin.

Jean married the love of her life, Jack E. Davis Sr., on June 15, 1948. He preceded her in death on February 7, 2005.

She was a CNA for Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, Marion, and Warren United Methodist Home, Warren, prior to her retirement.

After her retirement, Jean was proud to help her grandson, Casey Lloyd, at Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, Marion.

She was devoted to her family, cooking, canning and always putting up a large garden. Jean liked to crochet.

She enjoyed playing Bingo. Jean was a lovely lady who will be missed by family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters, Danna K. Lloyd Sale (Gary) and Pam Turner; sons, Jack E. Davis II (Pat) and Stephen Davis; sister, Freya Sandoval; grandchildren, Tonda Wells (Rick), Casey Lloyd (Michael), Staci Mayo (Mike), Gina Miller (Randy), Jack Davis III (Kim) and Todd Turner (Sherry); nine great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren with another on the way.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Jack, son-in-law, Virgil Lloyd, and great-granddaughter, Kaylee Turner.

There will be a gathering of family and friends on Friday, June 16, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the family home, 4452 N. Wabash Rd., Marion, with a graveside service following in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion.

Pastor Brad Wright of LaFontaine Christian Church will officiate at the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions have been suggested to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 506

S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

COREY

Martha Jane Corey, 84, of Marion, passed away at 2:07 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Marion.

She was born in Marion on Monday, Oct. 10, 1938, to William and Norma (Bush) Milliner.

On June 11, 1984, Martha married Leo Corey, and he survives.

She attended Van Buren High School.

Martha was a bookkeeper for 25 years with K-Mart until her retirement.

She will be remembered as one who loved giving to others. Martha loved her husband and enjoyed going on drives and dinner dates with him. She loved her grandkids, especially watching her grandkids in sports and Tristan in dance.

Her number one thing was being a grandma. Martha loved her dogs, Hunter, Snoopy, Ricco and Shayshay.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her loving husband, survivors include her sons, Michael (Patricia) Miller, of Gas City, Gregory L. (Sharon) Miller, of Sarasota, Fla., Mark (John Clochesy) Miller, of Cape Coral, Fla., and Randall (Rene) Miller, of Marion; daughter, Connie (Mike) Campbell, of Marion; granddaughters, Kasey Miller, Amy (Tim) Kuhn and Kelley Miller; grandsons, Nathan Miller, Matthew Miller, Tristan Miller, Lucas Campbell and Johnathan Kelley; great-granddaughters, Kiana Peete, Aubrey Kuhn and Brookellyn Miller; great-grandsons, Keyan Peete, Adrian Miller, Rylan Kuhn and Raef Biddle.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, son, Kevin Corey, grandson, Michael Ryan Miller, sisters, Mary Maddox and Nellie Barley, and brother, Larry Milliner.

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The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Martha's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

BANTER

Bill B. Banter, 77, a lifetime resident of Jackson Township, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Bill was born on February 24, 1946 in Marion, Indiana to Byron Banter and Florence (Widner) Banter. He graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1964 and from Purdue in 1969 with a degree in Agriculture. During college, he was part of the Alpha-Gamma-Rho fraternity and a member of the Student Union. It would end up that his two sons, Will and Brent would be members of the same fraternity. Upon graduation, Bill established Banter Farms in 1970. He married Dianna Lynn (Rody) Banter on March 6, 1971 in Jerome, Indiana. Bill and Dianna were members of the Church of McNatt.

A lifetime farmer in Wells County, Bill was heavily involved in his community. Bill was very proud of the men who worked for him, including those that came through the Southern Wells I.C.E. program. He was a 50-year member of the Van Buren Masonic Lodge, he received a young farmers award from Wells County, was on the Jackson Township Advisory Board, spent 12 years on the Southern Wells Community School Board, the Trustee of Jones

Cemetery, and a longtime member of the S.A.M.'s club in Warren. Bill enjoyed being at the Wells County 4-h fair helping the children show cattle. Bill enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends to Hawaii and the Caribbean, and always went to Purdue football games, including the Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl as part of the "Fat Boys". Friends would joke when the group of friends, supposed to be called the "Frat Boys" was renamed the "Fat Boys" due to a typing error. Bill was committed to his family, his friends, and his community and will be greatly missed.


Bill was preceded in death by his father, Byron Banter, mother, Florence Taylor, and stepfather, Ralph Taylor.

Loving survivors include his wife of 53 years, Dianna Lynn Banter of Warren, IN, sons, Will B. Banter of Warren, IN and Brent A. Banter of Austin, TX, grandchildren, Clay (Kyla) Banter of Warren, IN, Cole Banter of Warren, IN, and Cash Banter of Warren, IN, sister, Jan (Dr. George) Babcock of Bluffton, IN, and brother, Robey Taylor of St. Louis, MO.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember on Monday, June 12, 2023, from 2pm to 8pm at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N Matilda St. Warren, IN 46792. The Masonic Services will begin at 8pm. A funeral service will be held at 11am on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 with Pastor Bill VanHaften Officiating. Burial will follow at Jones Cemetery in rural Wells County, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: McNatt Church at 9183 W. 800 S. -90 Montpelier, IN 47359 or Wells County 4-h Association /Cattle Barn at 1240 4 H Park Rd. Bluffton, IN 46714.

PARKER

 Michael "Mike" R. Parker Sr., 71, of Warren, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2023, in Fort Wayne.

He was born on September 20, 1951, in Hartford City, to the late Ralph R. and Jean A. (Nelson) Parker.

Mike was raised in Upland. He graduated from Eastbrook High School, Class of 1969. Mike served in the United States Marines as a military officer in Guam in 1970 and 1971.

He married the love of his life, Ann E. Jones, on October 14, 1972, in Upland.

Mike loved his community and dedicated many years to keeping it safe. He started on the Upland Police Department in 1981, and in 1983 he became assistant town marshal. He was later elected town marshal when Mr. Brown passed away. Mike was on Upland Fire Department and was Chief for many years. He also was an EMT on Medic 8.

Mike was a strong-willed, kind-hearted and loving man. He liked having a good time and was a jokester. Mike enjoyed spending time with his family, coaching his daughter's softball team, mowing yards with his son and attending his grandkids sporting events. He enjoyed camping, going to auctions and watching racing.

Mike is survived by his wife, Ann E. Parker, of Warren; children, Michael R. Parker Jr., of Upland; Melissa (Rob) Burke, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; sister, Sue (Dan) White, of Matthews; grandchildren, Wyatt Burke and Zayda Burke, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; his dogs, Cookie and Buster.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph R. and Jean A. Parker.

Arrangements for Mike have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, where a visitation will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Visitation on Thursday, June 15, 2023, will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with funeral services beginning at 1 p.m.

Burial will immediately follow at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Mike to Upland Fire Department, 127 N. Main St., Upland, IN 46989.



TOP INVESTOR THREATS OF 2023

The Indiana Securities Division is reminding investors to be on the lookout for investment schemes offered through various internet, texting, and social media platforms.

The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) recently released its annual list of top threats to retail investors.

The survey includes responses of enforcement officials with state and provincial securities regulators throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This year, the most critical threats include financial scams tied to emerging technologies, marketing tactics designed to play on emotions, and further attempts to capitalize on changes in the economy.

"Investigators with our Securities Division are constantly working to empower Hoosiers with the knowledge of scams and fraudulent schemes. We want Hoosiers to be prepared and never fall victim to perpetrators who are looking to steal their hard-earned money," said Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales.

Indiana investors have fallen prey to frauds relating to all three of the top threats, especially fraud perpetrated online and those involving cryptocurrencies.

* Regulators cited digital asset frauds (62%) as the top scheme presents the most danger to the public.

* Romance schemes (46%) were the second most-cited threat to investors.

* Regulators determined social media and internet schemes (41%) as the third greatest threat to retail investors.

A recent investigation by the Indiana Securities Division case involved a crypto romance scheme for a loss of approximately \$180,000. Some scams originate out of other countries which make it harder to recoup the funds.

Perpetrators are effective because the bad actors use fear and anxiety as tools for disarming investors.

Perpetrators contact victims, often seemingly random, and develop relationships before soliciting greater and greater investments. After draining the victim's bank accounts, the perpetrator simply disappears with the money.

Schemes using digital platforms are effective because scammers can use online communications to reach many potential victims quickly and efficiently.

Additionally, some crypto cannot be traced and the identity of the receiver is anonymous. The most common telltale sign of an investment scam is an offer of guaranteed high returns with no risk.

"Get-rich quick schemes are typically built on empty promises and lead to empty pockets. Bad actors attempt to leverage vulnerabilities wherever they can be found. Don't be lured into programs offering the promise of high

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returns to supplement income lost because of lost income," said Securities Commissioner Marie Castetter.

Before making an investment decision, ask questions, do your homework, and contact the Indiana Securities Division at 317.232. 6681 for more information.

A BUS TRIP TO HHI, SAVANNAH, & CHARLESTON DAY # 5, PART 2

by Larry Ryan
Prior to leaving Columbia Square after lunch, our attention was turned to the adjacent Davenport Home. It became the first house saved by the Historical Society in Savannah. Afterward, we passed the Funky Brunch Café. Our full stomachs were not even tempted. Upon departing the city, the fully-leaved trees were noteworthy. It was a significant difference from back home.

Our tour guide informed us that the British occupied the city from 1778-1782. At that time, the surrounding area featured rice and cotton fields. During the War Between the States, General Sherman was so taken by the beauty of Savannah that he did not destroy it but presented the city as a gift to President Lincoln.

Also of interest was the fact that Johnny Mercer (1909-1976), the song writer and co-founder of Capitol Records, was a Savannah resident. His great-grandfather, General Hugh Mercer built an Italianate Mansion in the city after the Civil War. It housed the family for several generations. Johnny was famous for songs such as "Moon River," "Days of Wine and Roses," "Autumn Leaves," and others.

The Mercer home was occupied later by a James Williams. He was instrumental in preserving many historic buildings in Savannah. The home is now

the Mercer-Williams House Museum. Williams died of pneumonia in 1990 at the age of 59. Prior to that time, he was accused of shooting his assistant. James claimed it was in self-defense! Based on this activity, John Berendt scribed the best-selling novel, "Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil."

On our 11 mile ride to another Gullah community, we passed Hunter AFB. Since parking space for buses at the Pin Point, GA location was limited, our group was remained stored on our vehicle for 20 minutes. Thank goodness for A/C. While waiting to leave the bus, our tour director led us in the words and gesticulations of the song, "The Unicorn: Green Alligators and Long Neck Geese..." Pin Point is a community of Gullah and Geechee, freed enslaved people. The population of this small area is approximately 109 residents. Its main attraction is the Pin Point Heritage Museum which is located in the old A. S. Varn and Son Oyster and Crab Factory. Our group was informed that the oyster and crab business folded in 1926 during the Great Depression. Other factors diminished fishing later.

In 2007, someone purchased the buildings to preserve them. Our divided walking tour group was led by a real Gullah man named, Herman "Hanif" Haynes. He led us through the former oyster processing building where the local Gullah-Geechee worked to shuck (pry open) the resistant oysters. Another building contained a large, metal vat where 500 pounds of crabs would be boiled. After the cooking process, the seafood would be immediately cooled in ice for proper preservation. Crabbing is a summer job while oysters are harvested in the winter months. Hanif taught us some Gullah words: chirrin=children; ooho=you; ribba=river; gumbo=okra; coota=turtle; ooman=woman; bucr=white person. Left at 1:45 pm.

The bus passed Sand Fly BBQ before turning onto Eisenhower Parkway and re-entering Savannah via Presidents Street. Story has it that if a sailor got drunk at the local Pirate's House Restaurant, he was taken through an adjacent tunnel to the dock and loaded onto a ship. Destination?? Could the Chattum Artillery Punch, with enriched alcohol, have had an effect?

After traveling down River Street where the former cotton exchange took place, we became focused on the statue of the "Waving Girl." This was representative of a real person who waved at departing ships for 40 years in hope of ensuring safe passage. Left Savannah for the last time at 2:40 pm. Dinner that night was again at Port Royal Country Club on HHI. A delicious meal was enjoyed again!

We leave for a tour of Charleston tomorrow and then head home.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Ask Rusty – I'm Approaching 65 – Should I Claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I am fast approaching 65 (in August) and plan to continue working full time. I would like to know the implications of that, and about drawing Social Security. Same question for my husband who is past his full retirement age (he will be 67 this year) and he continues to work full time. *Signed: Still Working*

Dear Still Working: Married couples should always coordinate their retirement strategy, and you're very smart to do so. Born in 1958, your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes is 66 years and 8 months. Your FRA is the point at which your earnings from work no longer affect your Social Security benefits, but if you claim at age 65 and continue to work full time, you will be limited to how much you can earn before they take away some (or perhaps all) of your benefits. Here's what will happen if

you claim Social Security (SS) to start in August when you are 65:

* Your SS retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by 11% (you'll get 89% of your FRA entitlement). Your monthly amount will only change thereafter due to Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

* If you start your benefits in August you will be subject to an earnings limit - either a monthly limit of \$1,770 for the remaining months of the year or the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If the monthly limit is exceeded you aren't entitled to benefits for that month, or if the annual limit is exceeded they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 over the annual limit. Social Security will use whichever method yields the smallest penalty.

* Beginning in 2024, you will be subject only to Social Security's annual earnings limit, which will be something more than the 2023 annual limit of \$21,240. If you exceed the 2024 (or 2025) annual limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The annual limit will be in effect until you reach your full retirement age of 66 years and 8 months in April 2026.

Since your husband has already reached his FRA, working full time will not negatively affect his monthly Social Security benefits if he chooses to claim his SS benefits now. However, if he hasn't yet claimed your husband is already earning Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) which will increase his benefit when he later claims. DRCs are earned monthly (.667% per month; 8% per year) and can be earned up to age 70 when maximum SS benefit is attained. For your husband, his age 70 benefit would be 29% more than he was entitled to at his FRA. Whether it is wise to wait longer to claim depends on life expectancy, but break even age is about 83 for

those who wait until 70 to claim (vs. claiming at FRA). FYI, average life expectancy for a man your husband's current age is about 84; for you about 87.

Since you are both still working full time, be aware that - depending on your combined income from all sources - your Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income. As a married couple both working full time, your combined income will likely be over the \$44,000 threshold after which income tax will be levied on up to 85% of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year (using your normal IRS tax rate). I suggest you consider the income tax implications of claiming Social Security while you are still working full time.

You did not ask about Medicare, but if you (and your husband) now have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants) you can defer enrolling in Medicare Part B until your employer healthcare coverage ends, thus avoiding the Medicare Part B premium while you are working.

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