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Thought for the Week: *The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity. Dorothy Parker*



ART FROM THE HEART: RESIDENT OF HERITAGE POINTE OF WARREN CREATES NOTE CARDS TO BENEFIT CANCER NON-PROFIT

Matt Schweikhardt's wife, Melanie, passed away in 2023, but her art lives on, giving joy and raising money to fight cancer.

Schweikhardt, who lives at Heritage Pointe of Warren senior living community, is continuing his wife's legacy of fostering beauty in the world around her by creating notecards featuring her watercolor paintings.

The cards are being sold on the website www.MelaniesOriginalWatercolors.com to benefit the Foundation for Women's Cancer.

Melanie, a mother of two grown daughters and grandmother of six, was a self-taught artist who used her paintbrush to depict colorful florals and landscapes.

"It gave her joy to create beautiful things, because her motto in life was to make the things around her more beautiful," he says.

Melanie, who had suffered from primary peritoneal cancer, was modest about her talent for creating vividly colored watercolors.

"She was a bit shy," he says. "She mostly gave her artwork to family and friends. But she always thought that creating greeting cards from her artwork would be better than wall art."

Shortly before she died, Schweikhardt says his wife gave him her blessing to do something with her artwork as long as the profits would go to charity.

Schweikhardt hired a designer to create the website where the cards are sold. It launched in October 2024.

The cards are currently priced at \$10 for a package of 10 cards.

"We are learning as we go. It's not set in stone what we are doing," says Schweikhardt about the process of selling the cards.

It's an entirely new experience for Schweikhardt who retired from his career as an insurance agent after Melanie got ill.

"I said, 'I am not going to hand her off for someone else to take care of, I am going to care for her,'" he recalls.

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FINAL FRIDAY CONCERT

Hubie Ashcraft Band will be performing at Riverside Park this Friday, June 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Miranda Bolinger of Hoosier Real Estate Group, Bippus State Bank and Edward Jones-Nicole Johnson are sponsoring this concert.

Hubie Ashcraft Band perform the best of contemporary and traditional country music. They have played in Nashville, TN and opened for Mark Chesnutt, Joe Diffie, Thompson Square, Craig Morgan, and Kelsea Ballerini.

MEMORIES OF YEARS GONE BY

Brochures

The 58th annual Salamonie Summer festival will take place July 4th, 5th and 6th. The 2025 Schedules of events BROCHURE will be available at many downtown businesses in Warren, IN including:

Bippus Bank, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, East of Chicago, El Guerro, Sonrise Bakery, Wagon Wheel, Warren Market, Warren Pharmacy and Warren Town Hall.

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.

Salamonie Summer Festival T-Shirts

The 58th annual Salamonie Summer festival will take place July 4th, 5th and 6th.

2025 SSF T-Shirts are available at many downtown Warren businesses, including: Bippus Bank, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, East of Chicago, Wagon Wheel, Warren Pharmacy, and Warren Town Hall.

Sizes up to XL are only \$15, the 2XL & 3XL are only \$20.

Past SSF T-Shirts are available at the Warren Pharmacy. Available at Clearance Rates! Only \$5!

A few Adult larger sizes are available.

Multiple smaller sizes of the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 Salamonie Summer Festival T-Shirts available for only \$5.

This makes a super gift idea! T-SHIRTS are available until SOLD OUT!

FESTIVAL PICKLEBALL

JH Potterworks & Gebhart's Greenhouse present 2025 SSF Pickleball (Doubles) Tournament at Tower Park.

Tournament will be Sunday, July 6 at 1p.m.

There will be 3 divisions - Recreational, Intermediate (2.0-3.5), Advanced (3.5+).

There will be a Tournament Glass for all players. Win Cash and Medals.

\$25 per player. Registration Deadline: July 4th. Register on Facebook "Warren

Pickleball" or text Dustin Fortney for link: 260.438.7933.

STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Summer is here and so the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is reminding Hoosiers to enjoy the sun and fun while staying safe and healthy.

"As we embrace summer activities with family and friends, it's crucial to prioritize preventing illness and injury, specifically around water safety," said State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP. "I encourage Hoosiers to follow these simple steps to stay safe."

Water Safety

For many Hoosier families, warm weather means spending time together at pools, lakes, and other bodies of water. Unfortunately, deaths due to drownings have increased in the United States since 2019, with more than 4,500 people drowning each year. In Indiana, drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 years. In 2018-2023, 127 Indiana residents younger than 18 years died due to drowning.

When Hoosier families are in or around water this summer:

- * Designate a responsible adult to supervise children closely and constantly. You can assign a specific adult to supervise each child when they have access to water

- * Wear a life jacket while boating and be aware of local conditions

- * Avoid distracting activities like reading, using the phone,

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Treva's
Recipe Box
by Treva Flemming

Even tho the temperature outside has been outrageous, I still turned on the oven to make this dish. Yes just going to McDonald's would have been easier but with this cost cutting meal you can't go wrong. I found that it taste just like a McDonald's cheeseburger. So give it a try and see what you think.

CHEESEBURGER TATOR TOT CASSEROLE

2 lbs ground beef.	1/2 tsp.salt
1 med onion diced.	1/2 tsp pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced.	1/4 c. Dill relish
1 c. Ketchup.	1 bag tator tots
1/4c.bbq sauce.	2c.shredded cheddar cheese
2-4 tbsp mustard.	3-4 stripes cooked and crumbled bacon

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 9x13 dish with cooking spray.

In a large skillet over med heat, cook ground beef and chopped onion for 8-10 minutes till browned. Break up the meat with a wooden spoon as it cools and stir often. Drain grease

Add garlic, ketchup, mustard, bbq sauce, salt, pepper and relish. Stir well and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes. (I actually just put it all in the casserole dish and stirred it up.). Arrange tator tots on top in a single layer.

Bake uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes or until tator tots are crispy. Remove from oven sprinkle on shredded cheddar cheese and bake till cheese melts. Top with bacon crumbles.

You can garnish this with chopped lettuce, diced tomatoes, dill pickle slices and an additional drizzle of ketchup and mustard.

This recipe can easily be cut in half for 2-4 people



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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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8924S 900W 35
Harold Smith, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
Steve Nevius, Pastor
Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:45a.m.

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Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
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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.

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8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
Matt Kennedy, Pastor
Worship Service 9:00a.m.
Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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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.

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Pastor Mark Joyner
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Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

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375-2510
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Bus Service 375-2510
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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375-3873

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN
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Ron Forsythe, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays:

Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
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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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Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy

Good Morning Church (Sunday School
for all ages9:00 - 9:45
Worship Service10:00 - 11:00

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Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

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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
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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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and consuming alcohol or drugs while watching kids in or near water because drowning happens quickly and quietly

IDOH has joined the National Drowning Registry in partnership with the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention. Through this registry, local Child Fatality Review teams will help conduct comprehensive surveillance of all pediatric drownings and standardize the investigation process to better understand the burden of drowning deaths among youth and prevent future fatalities from occurring.

In addition to comprehensive surveillance of deaths, IDOH works with partners to provide support and oversight to local water safety projects. This summer, several local health departments are partnering with community stakeholders to implement water safety initiatives through Health First Indiana. More information about water safety is available on the IDOH website.

Sun Safety

When spending time outdoors, prevent sunburn, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

- * Keep water on hand to stay hydrated
- * Wear sunscreen with at least 30 SPF, reapplying it at least every two hours if swimming
- * Take advantage of shade and wearing protective clothing when possible

Signs of heat exhaustion include fatigue, weakness, headaches, nausea, sweating, dizziness and a decrease in urine production.

Heat stroke is a more serious and a potentially life-threatening condition with symptoms that include confusion, inability to sweat, loss of consciousness, seizures, and an internal body temperature that can reach 104° F or higher. It is critical to cool the body of any person suffering from heat exhaustion or heat

stroke as quickly as possible, and if a person shows signs of heat stroke, emergency medical services should be contacted. If sunburn occurs, treat it with topical moisturizers, cool compresses and pain relievers. Contact your healthcare provider if extensive blisters or signs of infection are present.

Mosquito-borne illness

With summer comes mosquitoes, and their bites can sometimes transmit illnesses like West Nile virus (WNV). While 80 percent of those infected 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. People older than 60 years and those receiving immunosuppressive medications or treatments are at greatest risk of severe WNV disease.

Ways to prevent mosquito bites that potentially carry WNV include:

- * 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-methane-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
- * Mosquitoes can breed in as little water as in a bottlecap, so be sure to dump all standing water around the house, including a garden hose, old tires and gutters

People who think they may have contracted WNV should contact their healthcare provider. More information about mosquito-borne illnesses and preventing mosquito bites is available on the IDOH website, which includes a dashboard that monitors illnesses present in mosquitoes and humans.

Grill Safety

Cookouts and BBQs are a summertime staple. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has the following recommendations for grilling safely:

- * Separate: Pick up raw meat, poultry and seafood last on your grocery store, and keep them separate from other food in your shopping cart and bags
- * Chill: Keep meat, seafood and poultry refrigerated until ready to cook, and keep cool at 40° F or lower in an

insulating cooler when transporting.

- * Clean: Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after handling raw meat, poultry and seafood, and wash work areas, cooking utensils, and the grill before and after cooking
- * Cook: Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked hot enough to kill harmful germs.

Learn more about safe summer grilling at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

Visit the Indiana Department of Health at www.health.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on X at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN.

BBB WISE GIVING ALLIANCE LAUNCHES DEDICATED PLATFORM FOR INFORMED GIVING

Donors looking to verify a charity's trustworthiness should now visit Give.org, the new home for all BBB charity evaluations. Previously hosted on BBB.org, charity reports and donor resources are now exclusively available through this dedicated platform managed by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance.

"At Give.org, we're not just listing charities. We are informing donors about organizations that align with their values," said Shannon Bearman, BBB's Charitable

and Educational Foundation executive director. "This site brings together trustworthy evaluations and practical guidance, so people can feel secure knowing their donations impact organizations that meet rigorous standards."

Give.org offers easier access to trusted charity evaluations based on the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. The site helps donors make informed decisions and supports transparency in the nonprofit sector.

The site's launch coincides with the release of the 2025 Give.org Donor Trust Special Report, which explores how data protection influences donation behavior. A national survey found that 69% of respondents worry their personal data could be hacked or stolen when giving to a new charity. Thirty-one percent were "very concerned," and 38% were "somewhat concerned."

Respondents also expressed concern about charities sharing their information or reviewing their social media profiles.

BBB's Give.org urges donors to give thoughtfully by researching organizations before donating and verifying whether a charity meets BBB's standards.

To learn more or to access a charity report, visit Give.org.

For more information, contact Better Business Bureau Serving Northern

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Weekly Specials
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TIME NOW TO STOCK UP FOR
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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.

Jun 27	7:00p	W - Hubie Ashcraft Band @ Riverside Park
Jul 2	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce @ KBC
Jul 2	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
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

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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Indiana Charitable & Education Foundation Executive Director Shannon Bearman at 260-423-4433 or shannon@northernindiana.bb.org.

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BBB SCAM ALERT: ONLINE ORDERS DELAYED BY "TARIFFS"? IT COULD BE A SCAM

If you've shopped from a sponsored ad or unfamiliar website and were later told your package is stuck in customs due to tariffs, be cautious. Reports to BBB Scam Tracker show this excuse is increasingly being used by scammers to delay or ignore refund requests.

What you'll learn:

- * How scammers are using fake tariff excuses to delay or cover up fraudulent online orders

Warning signs to watch for when dealing with unfamiliar sellers

- * Steps you can take to avoid these scams

How the scam works

You see an ad online for something you want, and you proceed to the seller's website. The site looks professional, the price seems reasonable and checkout is quick and easy. But then, your order never arrives.

When you follow up with the seller, you might get vague, automated emails urging you to "be patient." Then comes the explanation: your package is stuck due to tariffs, customs delays or new international shipping regulations.

In some cases, the company says you now owe additional money to release the package. Other times, they provide a tracking number showing the item was delivered — but to a completely different state.

One consumer reported to BBB Scam Tracker, "After 2 months of not receiving my product I have emailed this company multiple times and each time the reply is my package is stuck in customs due to... tariffs. I have requested a refund multiple times. I have no longer gotten any replies from this apparently fake company."

Another consumer reported, "The Instagram ad from gotosleeps.com advertised a product that I purchased. A tracking number was provided by tracking-hub.com. The order never arrived... the email response has numerous grammatical errors and blamed 'Trump Tariffs' as to why the product is delayed."

Common red flags

- * The seller blames tariffs or customs for excessive delays.

- * You're asked to pay more money after placing your order.

- * Tracking numbers are fake or show delivery to the wrong location.

- * Customer service is unhelpful, scripted or stops responding entirely.

How to shop with caution online and avoid scams

- * Look beyond the ad. Scammers can pay for sponsored ads on social media or search engines just like legitimate businesses. Always research a company first, especially if you haven't heard of them. Learn more about avoiding sponsored ad scams on social media.

- * Check the reviews — all of them. Don't rely only on what you see in the ad's comment section. Look up the business name with words like "scam" or "complaint" and see what pops up.

- * Inspect the website carefully. Look for misspellings, poor grammar, or URLs that are suspicious. A site that looks polished can still be fake, especially if it is advertised through a sponsored social media post. Learn how to identify a fake website.

- * Use a credit card for online purchases. Credit cards often offer stronger fraud protection than debit cards or payment apps. If you don't receive your product, you're more likely to be able to dispute the charge successfully.

- * Avoid paying extra fees after checkout. Once you've completed a purchase, legitimate sellers won't ask for additional shipping or customs payments. If they do, stop communication, contact

your credit card provider, and report to BBB Scam Tracker.

- * Be suspicious of tariff-related excuses. U.S. consumers are not typically required to pay tariffs after placing an order. If a company says your package is stuck in customs or asks for additional payment due to tariffs, that's a major red flag.

- * Save copies of order details. Keep screenshots of the ad, confirmation email, and tracking info in case you need to file a dispute with your credit card company or report the scam.

For more information: Read BBB's tips for smart online shopping.

Learn how to tell if a sponsored ad is a scam or legitimate.

If you think you've experienced an online shopping scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker.

MEDICATIONS CAN MAKE PEOPLE LESS TOLERANT OF HIGH TEMPERATURES

With temperatures and humidity levels predicted to remain in the 80s and 90s for the next week, Bowen Health warns that people taking certain medications can become less tolerant of the heat.

Dr. Ambreen Ghori, Bowen Health psychiatrist, cautions that patients who take selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) can have serious heat-related reactions.

"According to research, certain antidepressants make people more sensitive to heat," says Dr. Ghori. "SSRIs (brand names Zoloft, Paxil, Lexapro, Prozac, among others) have properties that can prevent sweat glands from functioning properly. Sweating helps the body cool itself naturally, so when it decreases or stops, it can cause a person to overheat."

When the body overheats, symptoms can include fatigue, heavy sweating, nausea, muscle cramps, dizziness, and confusion.

Medications that can contribute to heat sensitivity include the following:

- * Antihistamines

- * Amphetamines or other stimulants, including those found in drugs that suppress your appetite

- * Antibiotics

- * Antidepressants

- * Antipsychotic medicines

- * Blood pressure medicines

- * Cholesterol medicines (statins)

- * Decongestants

- * Diabetes medicines

- * Overactive bladder medicines

- * Pain relievers (non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, also called NSAIDs)

- * Parkinson disease medicines

Act early to protect yourself from heat exhaustion:

- * Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water and nonalcoholic beverages

- * Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing

- * Avoid being in the sun for long periods, especially between 11 am to 3 pm

- * Reduce strenuous activity and save activities such as gardening or lawn mowing for early morning or late evening

- * Eat light, easy-to-digest foods

- * Mist skin with cool water when outside and use cold compresses when inside

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions about how heat might affect you and your medications.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BABCOCK

 It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. James "Jim" Lowell Babcock, 86, on Thursday, June 12, 2025, after a battle with cancer.

He was born on April 7, 1939, in Bluffton to the late Harold G. and Margaret Babcock.

Jim graduated from Warren High School in 1957 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1961.

He married Lancy Lynn Maish in 1963.

Jim subsequently attended Indiana University School of Medicine. Following an internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, he was stationed at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif.

Jim then served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy at Marble Mountain, Da Nang, Vietnam, for a year.

He returned to the United States and completed a residency in Orthopedic Surgery at Indiana University, Bloomington, and Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, Downey, Calif.

Jim served on faculty at Indiana University, Bloomington, for four years and then spent the remainder of his career practicing in Bluffton.

He and his late wife, Lynn, retired to Santa Fe, N.M., in 2008 after falling in love with the unique culture and landscape.

Jim was a passionate outdoor enthusiast, happiest when surrounded by nature. He loved hiking and fishing in the Wind River area of Wyoming, skiing anywhere in the Rockies or backpacking under the stars.

He was known for his adventurous spirit and his deep appreciation for the natural world.

Jim was an avid reader and spent his free time immersed in newspapers and books. He had an expansive personal library containing books on a wide array of topics ranging from politics to history to theology.

His hunger for knowledge was insatiable and he was always eager to explore new worlds and ideas.

Jim shared his love of reading with others, encouraging a passion for literature in family and friends.

His beloved wife preceded him in death in 2017.

Three loving children survive him, Dr. Rebecca Bair (Brant), of Santa Fe, N.M., Julia Lynn Whitmore (Brian), of Palisade, Colo., and Michael James Babcock (Wendi Sams), of Avondale Estates, Ga.

Jim is survived by four grandchildren, Benjamin Whitmore, Lauren Whitmore, Katherine Bair and Sophie Bair.

He also is survived by his sister, Emmalee Wade; his brother, Dr. George Babcock (Janice.)

Jim's kind and gentle spirit will be sorely missed by all that had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration luncheon is planned for noon on Friday, Aug. 8, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman Rd., Bluffton.

The family is requesting contributions to either the Santa Fe Animal Shelter or the Food Depot in lieu of flowers.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

STEPHAN

It is with both profound sadness and deep gratitude for her life that we announce the passing of Naomi Jean Stephan, 82, of Huntington, at 7:16 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at her residence.

She was a beloved mother, friend and light to all who knew her.

Naomi was born on December 25, 1942, in Arkansas, the daughter of Delmos Knapp and Opal (Zuber) Knapp.

She married Michael "Mike" W. Stephan in 1986. Together they shared 39 wonderful years.

Naomi retired from Wabash Magnetics after five years of employment.

She lived a life marked by love, generosity and boundless warmth.

Naomi was first and foremost a devoted and loving mother whose care and encouragement shaped the lives of her children and those lucky enough to be welcomed into her extended family.

Her home was never just a house. It was a place of comfort and laughter, where everyone was fed, both body and soul.

To walk into Naomi's kitchen was to be embraced, even before the first bite. Whether she was preparing a favorite dish or simply offering a seat at her table, she made sure everyone knew they belonged.

She had a gift for hospitality, not just in the meals she made, but in the way she saw and cared for people. No one left her presence without feeling a little lighter, a little more loved.

Naomi's selflessness was quiet but unwavering. She had a way of putting others first - not out of duty, but out of the deep well of compassion she carried within her.

Even when life was difficult, she found ways to lift others up with her humor, her hugs and her heart.

Naomi's laughter could brighten the darkest room, and her joy was contagious.

She did not seek accolades or recognition. Her reward was in the smiles of others; in the peace she brought into their lives.

Naomi lived simply but loved richly.

Survivors include her husband, Michael "Mike" W. Stephan, of Huntington; three sons, Wayne (Jordan) Peterson-Stephan, of Fort Wayne, Billy (Gina) Apostolos, of Aurora, Ill., and Derrick Apostolos, of Huntington; two daughters, Karen (Jay) Houser, of Huntington, and Carol (Althea) Apostolos, of Fort Wayne; stepson, Ernie (Tami) Stephan, of Bippus; stepdaughter, Rita (Jeff) Brown, of Warren; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Naomi is preceded in death by her father, Delmos Knapp, mother, Opal Knapp, daughter, Sheryl Mead, grandson, Tyler James Paul Stephan, and great-granddaughter, Leighlea Kauffman.

She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength and unconditional love.

Naomi will be deeply missed by her family, her friends and all those who were touched by her grace and generosity.

A celebration of life will be at a later date.

RAMEY

Lucille E. Ramey, 102, of Heritage Pointe, Warren, left this earth to join our Lord and family on Wednesday, June 18, 2025

She was born on June 7, 1923, in St. Henry, Ohio, to the late Henry and Philomena (Kramer) Gelhaus.

On August 24, 1946, Lucille married Adrian D. Ramey at Precious Blood Church, Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on August 12, 2009.

She attended schools in St. Henry, Ohio, and graduated in 1941.

Lucille was employed at General Electric, Fort Wayne, before moving to Hartford City, and becoming a homemaker.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hartford City, and participated in volunteer groups.

In addition to being a devout Christian, Lucille was a loving mother and wife and dedicated her life to being the heart of her family.

Survivors include sons, Dennis (Vicki), of Ossian, Michael (Janis), of Hartford City, Timothy (Marianne), of Fairfax Station, Va., and Gregory, of Hartford City; daughter, Beth (Jack) Norton, of Hartford City.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lucille is preceded in death by a son, David Ramey, in 1979, a grandson, Bryan Ramey, in 1991, four brothers and three sisters.


The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City.

Father Kevin Hurley will be the celebrant at the mass.

Burial will follow at Eaton Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. before the mass, at the church, on Thursday.

STEPHENS

 Roger L. Stephens, 75, of Wabash, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 19, 2025, with his loving family by his side.

Born on July 5, 1949, in Lackey, Ky., he was the son of the late Gaylord and Maudie (Smith) Stephens.

A proud graduate of Wabash High School, Class of 1967, Roger answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force.

His time in the military shaped his lifelong values of discipline, service and dedication.

On February 19, 1977, Roger married April Stephens. She survives.

Following his honorable service, he began a long and respected career at the Defense Logistics Agency, Battle Creek, Mich., where he worked as a supervisor for 35 years.

Roger's commitment and expertise earned him a prestigious award in coding and munitions - a testament to his hard work and leadership.

In retirement, he embraced his favorite role of all, Pawpaw. He poured his heart into making unforgettable memories with his grandchildren, taking them on adventures near and far - from the wonders of London and the rugged beauty of the American West to the charm of Canada.

Roger lived fully by his motto, "Never say I wish I would have."

He was known not only for his generosity, but for his giant strawberries grown in his backyard patch, and the sparkle he brought to life - whether through the

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"diamonds" he delighted in giving his grandkids or the unwavering support he showed his family.

Roger was instrumental in helping his granddaughter launch her dance studio, Dance Through Him, in Upland, which continues to thrive today.

In his honor, the Stephens Scholarship has been established to continue his legacy of support, encouragement and love for future generations.

Roger is survived by his wife, April Stephens, of Wabash; children, Katie (Mike) Freeburn, of Van Buren, and Robert Stephens, of Wabash; grandchildren, Jordan Freeburn, Brianna (Zach) Chaffin, Imajen Freeburn and Carleigh Freeburn; great-grandchild, Owen Chaffin; siblings, Bobby Stephens and Phyllis Hill; special nephew, Rick (Kris) Stephens; extended family, Becky (Dennis) Spenelli and Mike (Jaime) Groleau; honorary grandchildren, Abby Spenelli, Chelsy Wagley, Taylor Groleau and Lyndsie Hantz.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, siblings, Shelby Stephens, Jerome "Jap" Stephens, Roy "Buddy" Stephens and Jenny Webb, and his beloved dog, Calais.

Arrangements for Roger have been entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion.

A private family service will be conducted.

Memorial contributions in memory of Roger can be made out to Dance Through Him - Stephens Scholarship.

THE HOME BUILDING STORE

by Daris Howard

As my hair has begun to turn gray, I have noticed that people treat me differently. First off, there is the immediate senior discount at restaurants. I'm not sure that's just because of my gray hair. The first time I got one of those, I was only forty-five and didn't yet have a gray hair in sight. I think the girl who gave me that one might have decided that the way I look, I must have had a rough life, and took pity on me. However, help and discounts are starting to accumulate in other places as well.

The most common place for this to occur is at a home building store. I can understand why employees would ask me if I would like some help. That is their job. However, it is often other customers who want to lend a hand.

There are times when the word 'helpful' is a questionable term. For example, I am building a chicken building and decided to get fifty 2x4s. (There is a

discount if you buy at least fifty.) Since they would be the studs in the walls, I wanted them to be straight, so I took each one off the pile and examined its length before putting it back or placing it on my wood cart, depending on whether I deemed it acceptable or not.

I had barely started when a man who was loading from another stack came and asked if he could help me. I would understand this if there were a line of people waiting for boards from that stack, but it was just after six in the morning, and the place was nearly empty. I avoid midday on Saturday at all costs. During those times, a person can pretty much read a whole novel on their phone while they wait for their turn at the lumber stack.

Anyway, I think the man thought I was loading one 2x4 at a time because I couldn't lift more than that. I hated to be unfriendly, so I let him help me. He piled three at a time on my cart and didn't analyze them at all. When I got home, I had to sort them into two piles: one for the wall studs and a larger

pile for the roof bracing that didn't need to be as straight.

On my next attempt to get boards, I was able to load them myself. I purchased them and made my way to my pickup. I thought I was free and clear to load all by myself. However, I had just started when a young, petite teenage girl came up.

"Can I help you?" she asked.

I looked at her and figured each board weighed more than she did. "I think I can get them," I replied. "I hate to take your time."

"That's okay," she said. "I like helping old people."

I had been loading two at a time, making nice, even stacks. But when she started moving three at a time into my pickup, I, of course, had to increase the quantity I was loading as well. Pretty soon, my pickup had a stack in it that looked like someone had dumped it there with a forklift. When we finished, I thanked her and strapped it down the best I could.

I had others stop to help, but the most recent one was the ultimate. I was back, getting more 2x4s, and was wheeling them out to my pickup when an elderly man pulled up and parked in the Veteran's spot. He got out and walked hunched over

into the store. As old as he looked, I figured he must have been part of the Civil War.

Almost instantly, he was back carrying a small electrical item that he had purchased. He tossed it into his car and came over. "Can you use some help?"

Frankly, I was afraid that if he did too much, he might have a heart attack, but he was not to be deterred. "Grab that end and let's load together," he said. We grabbed five at a time, and my neat pile was soon a mess of boards going in all directions. I thanked him and secured my load.

When I got home, I told my wife, Donna, about it. "He probably just wanted to feel needed," she replied.

As I thought about it, I decided that I also want to be helpful to others when I get old. Of course, I'm not old yet, but maybe I should practice now anyway.

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Over her time developing as an artist—about ten years—Melanie created about 100 paintings and fostered a style that was distinctively her own, he says.

"Her colors are very bright and vivid," he says. "And when we zoom them down to fit the greeting cards, the resolution is great."

He says she developed her style "just by trial and error and research."

The effort to create the greeting cards "has been bittersweet," for Schweikhardt who nonetheless believes that Melanie would be happy to know that her work is doing what she always did in life—spreading hope and beauty.

"I think she'd be pleased," he says.

Heritage Pointe of Warren

Heritage Pointe of Warren, which provides a vibrant lifestyle is located in the charming country setting of Warren, Indiana. The senior living community is situated on a 200+ acre rural campus featuring an on-site golf course, heated indoor pool, fitness area, woodshop, and more. Heritage Pointe of Warren offers independent living in villas, townhomes, or apartments. Assisted living, memory care, short-term rehabilitation, outpatient therapy, and long-term skilled care are provided on the same campus, thus offering a complete continuum of care, also known as Life Plan. Heritage Pointe of Warren is owned and operated by The United Methodist Memorial Home, an Indiana non-profit founded in 1907. To learn more about Heritage Pointe of Warren, visit www.LifeAtHeritage.org.



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