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Thought for the Week: The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do. B. F. Skinner



BRADFORDS HONORED

This year the Samuel Jones Award goes to two individuals who project the spirit of volunteerism in every way possible. While you may not have seen them, you have certainly seen their efforts in ways to many to mention.

Bill and Marilyn Bradford, you are this year's Samuel Jones Award winners.

Let's start right here in the Knight Bergman Center where for over 25 years both could and can be found cleaning painting (Bill painted the entire building including the museum), selling concessions, trash collection, working to keep the outside area in tip top shape, and much more. Both now active on the Knight Bergman Center Board of Directors. The Bread of Life Food Pantry in the KBC receives donations of corn throughout the growing season from the Bradford field.

Moving on to the Salamonie Summer Festival, once again they can be found cleaning tables, picking up trash, and making sure the downtown is ready for the next day. And, for over 35 years, Bill has assisted others in running the Summer Festival Volleyball event at Tower Park on July 4th. The two of them donate not only their time, but also support to the players by providing food items and drinks.

In addition, Marilyn volunteers with Historic Warren in its effort to keep the downtown looking its best by assisting with going projects. Notice the bench next to "The Exchange" with the mural painted on it to match the mural on the building? Yes, donated by Bill and Marilyn.

With Bill serving on the Woodlawn Cemetery Board and Marilyn, as a dedicated runner herself, volunteering in support of the Chamber of Commerce Riverside Run 5K, their volunteer efforts continue.

But, what about those 500-600 pound pumpkins that appear every year in front of a local business of two. Guess the weight is the topic of the day. And what happens to the other pumpkins? They are donated to churches, school, and businesses, never sold. And last, the Dahlias. Known throughout the Warren area and beyond are the Bradford Dahlias. Donating many to the residents of Heritage Pointe,

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BLOCK PARTY & RIDE

The 7th Annual Block Party and 1st Annual Ride for Wolfie, hosted by Wolfie's Time Out of Van Buren, will be held this Saturday, July 12th.

Masonic Lodge will host a Free Will donation breakfast from 7 to 11 am.

Ride for Wolfie - Registration at 11am, Kickstands up at noon. Free Will Donation.

Car & Bike Show from 3 to 6pm. Awards will be announced at 6:30pm.

Corn Hole Tournament at 4:00pm \$20 per team - registration at 3:30pm.

Free Kid Carnival from 4 to 7 pm.

Potato Night at American Legion from 5 to 8pm.

Don't forget to stop by Mama Ducks for a sweet treat!

Music - Outdoor stage, bring your lawn chairs! Me & My Uncles 3 to 5pm and DJ 5:30 - 8pm

UPCOMING FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars so that you don't forget the 53rd Van Buren Popcorn Festival August 7 - 9.

Thursday, Aug. 7th the parade will open the festival at 6:30pm followed by the Hubie Ashcraft Band at 8:30.

Fridays Music offerings will be a Karaoke Contest by Hoosier Harmony at 6pm followed by The Rylie Lynn Band at 8:30pm.

Saturday will be Anchored at 5pm, SYN at 6, and Aint Rytte at 8:30 followed by Fireworks at 10:30.

There will be lots of other events throughout the weekend.



KEENE'S HONORED

The Town of Warren proudly presented the 2025 Community Service Award to Mike and Carol Keene, honoring the couple's unwavering dedication, compassion, and quiet service to the community.

The award, announced at the Annual Samuel Jones Pioneer Breakfast recognizes individuals who embody the spirit of Warren's motto: "A Small Town with a Big Heart."

Mike Keene, a longtime resident of Huntington County and a retired Audi mechanic, has spent his retirement years turning ordinary days into extraordinary opportunities to serve others. From mowing lawns for elderly neighbors and delivering groceries to shut-ins, to driving residents to medical appointments — even as far as Fort Wayne or Indianapolis — Mike's acts of kindness are as steady as they are selfless.

He volunteers weekly at Heritage Pointe of Warren and the Bread of Life Food Pantry, and helps with everything from lawn equipment repairs to church flower care, snow shoveling, pet fostering, and delivering government food commodities. He keeps a handwritten schedule of those he serves, never turning down a chance to lend a helping hand — no matter how long the task takes.

But behind this man of tireless service stands his equally humble and gracious wife, Carol Keene. Carol's quiet support, encouragement, and love have made Mike's deep involvement in the community possible. As the saying goes, "Behind every good man is a good woman," and Carol's faithfulness and generosity are a vital part of the story.

"Mike and Carol exemplify the heart of Warren,". "They don't seek attention. They just show up, serve, and care deeply for their neighbors and community. Their example reminds us that community is built not only on big events — but on everyday kindness."

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PARADE WINNERS

Service Organization - KBC 100th Anniversary; Business Organization - Warren Health & Fitness; Youth Organization - Huntington County Little Miss & Junior Miss Heritage Days; Antique Unit - Aaron Hartman Antique Tractor; Classic Vehicle - 1939 Chevy Bus from Hoosier's Movie; Religious Organization - Joy Pleasers Clowns; Animal Unit - Farmers Dog & Grooming; Color Guard - VFW; and Chairman's Choice - Hometown Used Family Furniture.

BINGO WINNERS

Winners of the Annual Sigma Phi Gamma Bingo games were:

Julie, Nanda Perry, Bailey Irick, Laura Stafford, Roxanne Surfus, Jordan Loftis, Judy Bradford, Luanne Morton, Deb Howell, Lana Ford, Lois Walling, Rose Straley, Dora Brown, Ruby Benedetti, Jeanette Sumwalt, Brenda Conner, Sheri Yoder, Cheyenne, Marsha Boyanowski, Julie Witthen, Terri Jennings, and Mike Yoder.

All proceeds from this project will go back into the community to help where needed.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Melinda Daniels on winning the Raffle Quilt and to Brenda Conner for winning the \$200 Raffle.

FAVORITE PET

Warren's Favorite Pet Photo Winner is Suede, owned by John and Treva Flemming.

WARREN'S SWEETHEART

Baby photo results this year are:

1st place - Skye Ann Canady, daughter of Grant and Alysa Canady.

2nd place - Beckham Hunnicutt, son of Jamie and Brandi Hunnicutt.

3rd place - Rebekah Moore - daughter of Aaron and Andrea Moore.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Steve Nevius, Pastor
Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
Handicap Accessible

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA

Pastor Wayne Couch
260/515-2517
Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

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

HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING

SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
Steve Sutton, Pastor
765/728-2065 for more info
Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE POINTE

Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &
Cindy Osgood
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

727 N Wayne St, Warren
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office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
Pastor Mark Joyner
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

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375-2510
Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
Bus Service 375-2510
www.warrennaz.org

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

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485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
375-3873
John Boyanowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

3147 W 543 S, Huntington
765.251.2322
Ron Forsythe, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays:

Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

694-6622
Aaron Westfall, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00a.m.
Worship 10:15a.m.
Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
Monthly Meetings

1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.

3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am

4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Diane Samuels
Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT

375-4359
Daniel Tucker, Pastor
Lois Slusher, Supt.
Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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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.

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN

375-2102
www.firstccw.net
Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
Takarra Myers, Youth Director
office@firstccw.net

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday School during

Worship Service

Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

765/934-3321 Parsonage
Jeff Slater, Pastor
Jim Knight, Superintendent
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30a.m.
Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE VINE

765-934-1431
Pastor Brad Hensley
vanburchurchofthevine@gmail.com
Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45am
Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022
Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
Tara Bower - Secretary
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
Youth:

K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
765-618-0027
Pastor Al Soultz
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS



ART SHOW RESULTS

People’s Choice: Ron Bradford (top left); Repurposed 12 & Under: Jace Beavans (top right); Repurposed 13 & Older: Morgan Blair (below left) and Repurposed Business Division - CRB Aerial (below right).

Thank you to everyone who voted! Congratulations and a job well done to the Art Show Committee for their hours of work. Becky Souder, Treva Flemming, Tara Bowman and behind the scenes, John Flemming.

Thank you to Heritage Pointe of Warren for the use of the quilt racks, Salamonie Summer Festival for the use of display easels and to Ag Express Electronics for table cloths, and display boards. We look forward to Art Show 2026!

If you are interested in the Sea Turtle, contact Ron at RB Custom Carvings.



RESULTS OF THE INAUGURAL “AMAZING WARREN RACE” JULY 5, 2025

- 1st place - Brady Herr & Megan Thompson (back left)
- 2nd place - Debbie Coulter & Marcy Rosen (front)
- 3rd place - Brooke Kratzer & Olivia Bolinger (back right)

Other participants in order of finishing were: 4th Andrew & Jessica Heald; 5th Paul Bicket & Seth Michael Betlus; 6th Morgan & Dolly Blair; 7th Wyatt Yoder & Richard Shaw; 8th Judah Meyer & Katie Sedam; 9th Sarah & Abagayle Wright; 10th Michael & Sherry Yoder and 11th Nate Clem & Lauren Tolle.

Prizes, contributed by the Salamonie Summer Festival, were awarded in order of finishing the race. It was a hot day as the temperature reached 90 degrees. All racers survived and cold water, donated by George DeWeese, was available at the finish line. The festival queen, Nora McDaniel greeted each team at the end of their run.

I wish to thank the volunteers who were stationed at each checkpoint: Richard Patrick, Lee Poulson, Bruce Preston, Jeff and David Daugherty/Jim Howell, and Kimmi Christman at Edgewater Mills.

Event Organizers: Larry and Janice Ryan



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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
Aug 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ 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

AREA NEWS CONTINUED

5 TIPS FOR THE FUTURE COLLEGE STUDENT

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Ask any high school junior or senior about their plans after graduation and the response is often much less specific than most parents would prefer to hear. But as one school year quickly transitions to another, key opportunities for prospective college students and their families to stay on track with advance planning seem to come and go quickly during the proverbial lazy, hazy days of summer. According to experts at Purdue University Fort Wayne, summer break is not only a great time to relax with family and friends, it's also an outstanding chance for members of the new senior class to review their paths to higher education and take advantage of the resources universities continue to provide during July and August. Krissy Surface, Purdue Fort Wayne's vice chancellor for enrollment management and the student experience, recommends five best practices for students who want to avoid some of the added stress of college planning once their high school classes resume.

1. File the FAFSA | The Free Application for Federal Student Aid offers multiple ways for you to finance your education, and, in a lot of cases, pay for nearly all the cost of a college degree.
2. Get on campus | Visit the universities you are considering; take a tour, go to a visit day, attend an athletic or arts event. There is something about this environment you can't get until you're physically on campus. While there, ask the same few questions of several different people, and decide if it feels right.

3. Don't be afraid to start college not knowing 100% what you want to be when you grow up | I changed my major three times in college and still graduated in four years. Universities like ours have people and tools in place to assist you in that discovery and with those decisions.

4. Study your financial aid offers | Every little detail matters. A university offering you a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition that's \$5,000 a year is much more affordable than one offering you a \$15,000 scholarship when its tuition is \$35,000 a year. The bottom line matters. If it's confusing, ask for clarification.

5. It's possible to balance work and still attend classes | More than 80% of our students work at least part time and make progress toward a degree. I worked as many as three part-time jobs and had a full-time class schedule in college. It teaches you critical prioritization and time management skills. It does not have to be one or the other.

And for those recent high school graduates who have yet to make a decision on their college plans, Surface says many universities like Purdue Fort Wayne are well prepared to work with students who are still interested in starting their coursework as early as the upcoming fall semester. That assistance often includes answering questions about enrollment, financial aid, registering for classes, student housing, and various other topics.

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

by Larry Ryan

After leaving the Warner Brothers Studio at 11:45 am, we headed to the Los Feliz section of Los Angeles. My granddaughter had planned for us to lunch at the All Time Restaurant on Hillhurst Avenue. Parking was limited so it became a two and half blocks hike to that eatery. The turkey sandwich that I ordered was huge. I traded half of it to my son in exchange for one of his three, small, fish tacos.

Upon leaving the restaurant, we headed to the nearby Griffith Park and its famous observatory. The structure was opened in 1935 and is 1,134 feet above sea level. It sits on the south slope of Mount Hollywood and overlooks the LA basin as well as the illustrious Hollywood sign! The mountainous area was donated by Griffith J. Griffith in 1896. The heavily traveled road had several switch-back curves. The short walk up to the observatory was closed to cars and no other nearby parking was available. So, we missed out of that view.

The Nissan exited onto Feliz Boulevard and lining the street were extra-large trees. Their whitish-colored, smooth trunks had multi branches that formed near the base of the tree. After passing the zoo, we turned onto Finlay Street where the extremely tall palm trees reminded me of pictures of Beverly Hills. While driving toward Hollywood, we drove past the Immaculate Heart High School where Meghan Markle attended. After

turning onto Hollywood Boulevard, the car crossed the intersection of Hollywood and Vine!

The Chinese Theater and Wax Museum were observed before parking to check out the Walk of Fame. We were obvious tourists while slowly moving along both sides of two blocks and taking pictures of several gold-plated names embedded in the star-shaped, marble structures on the sidewalk. Snapshots were exposed of Ryan Reynolds, Marilyn Monroe, Bob Hope, Lou Costello, Spencer Tracy, Donald Duck, Burt Reynolds, Julie Andrews, Tom Selleck, and Kevin Costner.

Moving along at 2:45 on Hollywood Boulevard, we passed Saddle Ranch Bar and Lazeraway before entering Beverly Hills. Again, tall palm trees were present as we passed the Beverly Hills Hotel and turned onto Rodeo Drive. The car drove by Neiman Marcus, I Love Tennis, and Saks Fifth Avenue businesses. We quickly made our way onto Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard.

By 3:30 our voyage continued through Westwood Village and past the UCLA campus. We made our way onto San Vicente Boulevard and reached the Pacific Ocean twenty minutes later. At this elevated point, the ocean, the expansive beach, and the expensive beach front houses were 75 feet below us. Our next decision was to drive and park near the Santa Monica Pier and walk down the ramp to the end of it. I estimated the distance as one mile! The actual length was 1,651.5 feet or 500 meters. I disagreed with this measurement.

Just to give my legs a rest, the Sunset Marina Sol Cantina looked like the best place to take a break and have dinner. My Chicken Tortilla soup with avocado and chips was the best selection to rejuvenate my body. But it hurt my credit card as it was my turn to pay. On the way back up the pier, we passed Bubba Gump restaurant, Japadog eatery, a sunglasses stand, and two small businesses that advertised, "Your Name on a piece of Rice." You guess!!

It was 5:50 when we left the pier area. Our car motored past the Metro Train Station, the downtown skyscrapers, the Crypto.com Arena where the LA Lakers play basketball, onto I-10-the Santa Monica Freeway, and the Museum of Flying. After that we followed the LA River to Orange Boulevard and back to Chapman Street. Bedtime was 9 pm.

The football game happens tomorrow.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BOWMAN

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, Norma Jean (Cook) Bowman, 88, went to be with our Lord. Born on August 29, 1936, she was one of six children and the eldest daughter of the late Ralph and Lucile (Shrock) Cook. Norma is preceded in death by her devoted husband, John Leslie Bowman, son, John Warren Bowman, granddaughter, Nicole Rapp, brothers, Dwight Cook and Larmer Cook, and sister, Eula Zerbst.

She is survived by her daughters, Keela (Paul) Fields, Leslie (Bob) Yanez and Heather (Karl) Rapp; grandchildren, Jonett Jean Williams, Amber Rhine, Chris Yanez, Amanda Yanez, Rachel Davis, Ariana Parrish, Katelyn Frantz and Eric Rapp; 11 great-grandchildren, Ella, Bo, Kasole, Quentin, Delilah, Rosely, Sophia, Conrad, Anneliese, Wyatt and Brylee; sisters, Carolyn Smith and Linda Gottfriedt.

Norma loved to talk about her days as a farm girl growing up in Indiana.

She attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Marion, and graduated from Van Buren High School.

Norma moved to Tennessee as the human resources director for the new Dana plant, Gordonsville, Tenn., and retired as the human resources division director for Dana Corporation Boston Weatherhead Division.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, planning and hosting family gatherings, researching genealogy, golf and volunteering at her church's food bank and Last Resource committee.

Norma was an avid shopper (something she passed on to her daughters) and especially loved to go to festivals, flea markets and yard sales.

A devout Catholic, she was a long-time member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Marion, and St. Luke's Catholic Church, Smyrna, Tenn.

Since March 2021, Norma was lovingly cared for by the amazing staff at The Villages of Murfreesboro (Tenn.) Maud Ferguson Memory Care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Multiple Symptom Atrophy via Mission MSA at donate.missionmsa.org or The Villages of Murfreesboro Maud Ferguson Memory Care Resident Activity Fund at 2550 Willow Oak Trail, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Rite of Committal will be a private graveside service at Hillcrest Cemetery, Paris, Tenn., where she will be laid to rest with her beloved husband and son.

HERR

Benjamin C. Herr, 48, of Warren, Indiana, passed away at his home on Sunday morning, July 6, 2025.

Born on January 9, 1977, in Bluffton, Indiana, the son of the late Philip Edwin Herr and Mary Lee Gearhart Herr. He graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1995 and went on to build a life rooted in kindness, community, and friendship. For many years, he owned and operated Ben's Lawn Service, where he took great pride in his work and the people he served.

Ben was known for his sharp wit, strong will, and fiercely independent spirit. He loved being out on the farm, working with his hands, piddling with equipment, and spending time outdoors—it was where he felt most at home. He had a passion for tractor pulls—both watching and participating—and earned numerous trophies and plaques over the years, a testament to his love and talent for the sport.

Ben also enjoyed spending time with his friends, sharing laughs, and always showing up when someone needed a hand. He had a big heart and never hesitated to help others. He is survived by his devoted mother, Mary Herr; his sister, Jody (Mark) Wyman of Muncie, Indiana; nephews Kurt Huffman and Kyle Huffman; and great-niece Delaney Huffman, all of Muncie.

Family and friends are invited to gather to share memories and honor Ben's life on Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 North Matilda Street, Warren, Indiana. A celebration of Ben's life will begin at 7:00 p.m., with Pastor Phil Freel officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ben's honor to the Salamone Summer Festival Tractor Association, a cause close to his heart.

STEWART

Dianna L. Stewart, 71, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2025, at Majestic Care of West Allen.

Born on March 18, 1954, in Anderson, Indiana, Dianna was the daughter of Ruth A. Faulk Smith and Harry A. Smith. She spent the majority of her life in Van Buren, Indiana—a town she dearly loved—before recently relocating to Fort Wayne due to health concerns.

A devoted homemaker, Dianna dedicated her life to caring for her family, which meant the world to her. Her kindness, special spirit, and quiet strength left a lasting impression on those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her loving brother, Floyd Smith, Sr. (Wife, Sue) of Florida, and her cherished nephew, Floyd Smith Jr. of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, James "Andrew" Stewart, who passed away at the age of 17 in 2000, and by her former husband, William "Bill" Ford Stewart.

Dianna never stopped longing to be reunited with her son, and now, in eternal peace, they are together once more. Their reunion brings comfort to those who remain and serves as a testament to the enduring bond between a mother and her child.

Viewing hours will take place at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 201 W. Main Street, Van Buren on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. A graveside service will follow in her honor at the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Indiana, with Reverend Steve Rogers officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to hold your loved ones close and to remember Dianna for the love she gave so freely throughout her life.

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others are made available for sale here and there. There is no way to mention all that Bill and Marilyn do for the citizens of the Town and local area but, let it be said that their volunteer efforts reflect the "Small Town, Big Heart " motto in all ways possible, in addition to fulfilling the meaning behind the Samuel Jones Award. Congratulations.

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The Keenes were honored in front of friends, family, and fellow community members, receiving warm congratulations as they accepted the award. The Town of Warren congratulates Mike and Carol Keene on this well-deserved recognition and thanks them for living out what it means to be a light in our small town with a big heart.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAD ANY PART IN OUR LATEST SALAMONIE SUMMER FESTIVAL. TO THOSE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THOSE WHO WERE BEHIND THE SCENES - YOUR HARD WORK WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. ALSO, THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS YEAR'S FESTIVITIES. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HOT, IT WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT.

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AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE - AGES 7-10

**1ST PLACE - SCUFFLE CREEK ANGUS FARM
(PICTURED)**

**2ND PLACE - SHEETS HEATING, COOLING AND
PLUMBING**



NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE - AGES 10-13

**1ST PLACE - DEWEESE SOFTWATER & APPLIANCES
(PICTURED)**

2ND PLACE - B&K ROOT BEAR HUNTINGTON

WBSL FINISHED 2025 SEASON

The Warren Baseball & Softball League finished up the season with the last championship game on July 7th. The League would like to Thank the Town of Warren for the use of the Tower Park facilities and to the Town Council for their continued support. I would also like to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, coaches, umpires, Solid Rock Concessions, all the players on our 18 teams, and fans, for another exciting year with WBSL. Also, thank you to our awesome suppliers like Coach's Connection and Custom Craft Trophy Shop who always get the order right and even deliver it to my house. To Edgewater Mills for donating the chalk for the fields to line the diamonds. Big Shout Out to John Heron who drove into Warren all season long to drag the diamonds for the kids and to Brandon Gardner who worked hard for the kids this year too, putting in pitch rubbers, base anchors, bases and more. I also cannot forget lots of people who helped out when the diamonds had a lot of rain, so we could play games - the Detamore Family, Aaron Hartman, Dustin Fortney and others. I know I am probably forgetting some and I apologize for that. It is a great thing to see when everyone comes together and accomplish a great season for the kids.

Thank you to all the parents as well for allowing us to coach your kids.

The Adult (17 & up) Co-ed Slowpitch Softball League starts July 29th and will play until mid October. All proceeds for the Adults go directly to the kids of the WBSL. The co-ed schedule will be posted soon. See you next year.

Tourney winners and runner ups listed under each picture. Congrats to all the teams!



JUNIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL - AGES 7-12

1ST PLACE - COACH'S CONNECTION (PICTURED)
2ND PLACE - CENTURY 21 PROPERTY SHOPPE



SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL - AGES 13-17

1ST PLACE - CITIZEN'S TELEPHONE (PICTURED)
2ND PLACE - DOGWOOD GLEN GOLF



PONY LEAGUE - AGES 14-17

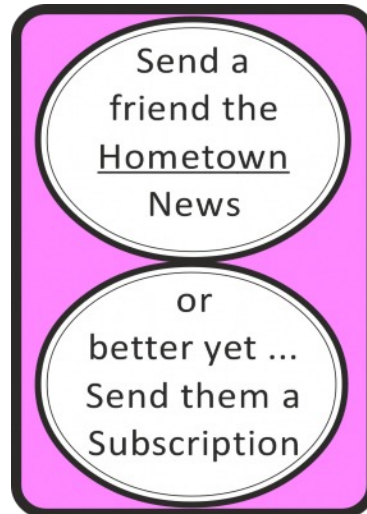
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