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Thought for the Week: Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms. George Eliot



SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS

Sherlock Holmes is missing, and the streets of London are awash with crime. Who will save the day? The Baker Street Irregulars - a gang of street kids hired by Sherlock himself to help solve cases. Now they must band together to prove not only that Sherlock is not dead, but also to find the mayor's missing daughter, untangle a murder mystery from their own past, and face the masked criminal mastermind behind it - a bandit who might just be the brilliant evil Moriarty, the man who killed Sherlock himself! Can a group of orphans, pickpockets, inventors and artists rescue the people of London? The game is afoot!

Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars runs September 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & October 1. Friday shows are at 8:00 p.m. Saturday shows are at 4:00 & 8:00 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4:00p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for children 12 and under. Reservations are available online at pulseoperahouse.org or by calling (260) 375-7017.

Pictured above: Front Row (L-R) Sophia Miner & Eloise Walter. Back Row (L-R) Morgan Blair, Bobby Shull, Hanson Hensley & Padraic McCarthy

20TH ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Circle October 27th on your Calendar!

Watch for the new Scarecrow Festival Banners hanging on each end of Warren's Wayne Street, sponsored by Bippus State Bank and Citizen's Telephone. Come One, Come All to the Funnest SPOOKTACULAR Event of the Fall Season, hosted in Downtown Warren. Start creating your Scarecrow & Brewing your tastiest Chili! The costume parade kicks off the Festivities at 6pm at 3rd & Wayne Street. Family Friendly activities and treats will be lining the streets. The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Scarecrow Festival and encourages local businesses and organizations to participate. Please provide a family-friendly booth, organize a free game or activity and provide treats for the trick or treaters!

New & Exciting Features are being added to the festival, details coming soon. Along with the Chili Cook Off and Local Restaurants there will be Four Food Trucks to keep all of your families happy.

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

Scarecrow & Chili Cook-off entry forms are due October 20th and will be at Bippus State Bank, Town Hall, & East of Chicago. This is an Outside Event only, weather permitting. The Event is Friday, October 27th, 6-8pm. Check out our Facebook page

"Warren Scarecrow Festival" for updates.

WARREN COUNCIL NOTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, September 11, 2023 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne St, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Council Members, Steve Buzzard, Jeremy Rufener, Tavis Surfus; Absent, Michelle Schweikhardt; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Dennis Spitler; Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Consultant, and others.

Under Special Order of Business, President Buzzard announced the opening of a scheduled Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-3, 2024 Municipal Budget and requested Morrison summarize. Requesting public input and hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed. The consideration of adoption of the budget is scheduled for October 9.

President Buzzard introduced Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group, to review financial planning for planned upcoming projects - Wayne Street Project, Fire Truck, Sewer Projects within the TIF District, Nancy Street Sewer Project, and Utility Building Project. Noting that in addition to a one million dollar grant from the state, all projects have local cash funds in place so that none will require loans or bonds or rate increases. Guerrettaz stated that the process for funding had been part of a ten year plan of financial preparation.

Mike Haggerty outlined a proposed volunteer work program at Tower Park over three weekends in October including planting trees, power washing, and clearing. Following discussion, Buzzard moved, seconded by Rufener, to approve the plan with a not to exceed cost of \$10,000. Motion approved unanimously.

Marshal Spitler submitted the August Activity Report.

Fire Chief Poulson submitted the August Activity Report. The two pumper trucks have passed the necessary testing procedure. Parking lot at the Station will be sealed on September 13 with trucks to be moved to utility garages for access reasons.

No reports from Warren Area Chamber or HCUED.

Becky Souder of Historic Warren reviewed upcoming community events and noted that a Community Bulletin Board had been installed on the exterior of The Exchange near the entrance.

Morrison reported that work continues with HGAC, Purchasing Cooperative, in regard to purchase of a pumper truck. The process will involve submission of specs to the company for bidding out followed by the need for review of the bids received. Salamonie Township Advisory Board and Town Council would then consider acceptance of a bid if warranted.

Marshal Spitler reviewed actions regarding the feral cat situation at Third and Nancy. He will continue to monitor the situation as twelve cats have been removed.

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As we continue on this trip to California we embarked on a great trip through the Rocky Mountains. Those mountains are huge and I mean we went through right about Utah so it was pretty much right in the bigger parts of the mountains. In fact one of my favorite parts was we went through a tunnel that was 10 miles long. They actually made a tunnel through the mountains so the trains could get through to the other side.

Then as we were winding our way through the mountains, at one point we were able to see the front of the train out our window and there was 30+ cars on this train and we were closer to the back of the train. Going through the plains was nice but nothing compares to the mountains. The views were remarkable and was so glad it was daylight so we could witness some of the beauty of it all. It's definitely worth the trip.

By nightfall we were coming down out of the mountains and our next stop was fabulous Las Vegas Nevada. As we pulled into the train station we were out in the country but kinda at the end of the Vegas strip. Dad just had to get off the train just so he could say he's been to Las Vegas. Lol But you could see all the lights and from where we were at it was dark compared to the big glow of lights in Vegas, and that's what you seen the big glow. Mom told dad it was a short stop and he better be paying attention and get back on the train or he was gonna get left behind, he made it.

So over the night hour we were gonna be traveling on into California and would arrive at Barstow in the morning and sure enough we finally arrived and I was ready to start my vacation in California and I could hardly wait. So we get off the train and went to get our luggage and its not there... oh great same clothes for the next five days.... So we go into the train station and mom tells the lady she needs to stop that train, it has our luggage. Now mind you my mom has had enough of the train too and was ready to relax and she was definitely not gonna stay in the same clothes she's had on for a couple of days either. So the lady asked her what it looks like and mom told her and believe it or not, there it set right behind the desk waiting on us to arrive. It looked like it was pretty well been down the dusty road but it was there and that's all that mattered. So we get our luggage and loaded up in Gayle's car and we had a fabulous 5 days in California and enjoyed it.

On the way back to Indiana it was pretty much the same but instead of Las Vegas we went through the Salt Flats and that was neat and as we came closer to the plains the water had went down and we were high and dry on the return trip,

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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.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
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 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

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 Pastor Wayne Couch
 260/515-2517
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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 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.

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 727 N Wayne St, Warren
 260-375-2811
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Eklesia Sun 6:30pm

HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service 6:30 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
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 John Boyanowski, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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 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.

MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 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 VINE
 765/934-3321 Parsonage
 Jeff Slater, Pastor
 Jim Knight, Superintendent
 vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com
 www.vanburenumc.org
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:30a.m.
 Prayer Group (Thur) 6:30p.m.
 Men Serving God Grp 2nd & 4th Sat ...9am

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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WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 375-3022
 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 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
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 Sunday School 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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Based on a recommendation from Engineer Ben Adams, Buzzard moved, seconded by Surfus, to approve release of retainage in the amount of \$7500 to Jackson Construction as testing has been completed on the well and water plant upgrade portion of the Water Upgrade Project. Motion approved unanimously. That payment will complete the project although any problems arising until April of 2024 will be considered warranty.

Morrison submitted and reviewed the Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$297,326.40. Approved by consensus. Under Financial Reports and after submission of the August reports and, to clear statements which have been made, Morrison reviewed financial tracking of expenditures and revenues noting that the Town has fifty five funds and 164 accounts within those funds. All payments are tracked through that process on State Approved Software on State approved forms and all are shown on the Accounts Payable Register. Also reviewed was the method of writing checks noting that a check cannot be issued without an invoice and involves a process set by state mandated procedures, including approval of Council, except in certain instances such as insurance premiums, utility payments, payroll, payment to avoid late fees and a few more. Bank reconciliations are completed through the same software and are submitted to the State as required.

The August Payroll Docket was submitted and will be acted on in the October meeting.

Utility Manager Poulson submitted an August activity report. Submitted was a request for update and addition of holes to the Disc Golf Course at Tower Park in the amount of approximately \$2700. Buzzard moved, seconded by Surfus, approval of the request and the

motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson submitted a quote/bid form for a tree trimming project and scrub clearance around primary electric lines in the amount of \$128,900 by Tucker Tree Service and a final quote of \$90,626 from Mint City. Poulson recommended that the Mint City quote be accepted due to cost and that the company is certified to work on primary lines and does so for Heartland REMC. Surfus, an electric lineman, commented on the need for the project as it had been discussed two years ago and not completed due to inaccurate bids. Rufener made a motion to table. Motion failed for lack of second. Discussion continued. Mint City will also be able to do the project without interruption of electric service. Buzzard and Surfus requested Poulson provide a schedule of when the project could be done and how long the process would take. Poulson has received one quote for construction of the pavilion replacement at Tower Park and is waiting on at least one more.

The next regular meeting of Town Council is scheduled for October 9.

SEASONAL HIRING EVENTS

The Indiana Department of Transportation will host two hiring fairs in northeast Indiana for winter seasonal positions on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The events will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following locations:

* Fort Wayne Office – 5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

* Elkhart Subdistrict – 58905 County Road 9, Elkhart, IN 46517

Winter seasonal positions run between early November and early April at a starting pay of \$21 per hour for full-time operations and \$25 per hour for snow plow-only positions. Job duties include performing general highway maintenance, traffic maintenance, snow and ice removal and other duties related to winter operations. A valid CDL is required to be considered for a seasonal role.

Registration is not required to attend the event. Interviews will be conducted on site and INDOT team members will be available to answer questions and provide more information about open positions and careers with the agency. For a full list of hiring fair locations and more, visit bit.ly/INDOTSeasonal or text INDOT Winter to 468311.

VETERAN'S CELEBRATION

Inviting all Veterans, Active-Duty Military & their Families and Passed Veterans' Families to a Veteran's Celebration on Sunday, November 5th at Warren's Solid Rock Church. The 9th annual Patriotic ceremony starts at 5:00 pm serving up a complimentary dinner followed by an Armed Forces Tribute by "A Few Good Men" and more! Please share your talents by playing an instrument, singing a special song, sharing a favorite verse, and/or making a dessert to honor our Military. Please call 260-375-4505 to schedule your position in the entertainment lineup.

Officially Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. We are excited to show all Veterans our support on the Sunday before, in order to help bring awareness to Saturday the 11th!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5th. You are welcome to wear your military uniform. Pictures in your Military Uniform or "In Action" along with your Branch of Service, dates of when and where you are currently serving or have served, will be displayed on the screen during the event. The photo and info may be emailed or scanned & returned to you at Bolinger's Propane Service, located at 115 N. Wayne St. in Warren by Wednesday, November 1st @ 5pm. Please email ginac@agbest.com or call 260-375-4505 or 260-917-1707 if any questions, to send your photo/details, to schedule your talent, to volunteer, and to RSVP to 375-4505, in order to help prepare for this event. Currently there are 200 Military troops on the Tribute

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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.

Sep 23	6:30p	W	SSF Committee Meeting @ KBC
Sep 18	6:30p	W	KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Sep 20	7:00p	V	Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Sep 22			FIRST DAY OF FALL
Sep 29	7:00p	W	Cook & Belle @ Riverside Park
Oct 4	Noon	W	Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @KBC
Oct 4	7:00p	V	Town Council @ Town Hall
Oct 9	6:00p	W	Town Council @ Assembly Hall
Oct 10	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

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Video; there is always room for More!

Solid Rock Church is located at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, across from Heritage Pointe. Walk-ins are Welcome. Everyone is Invited to attend this Celebration to show support to our Military. Thank you, Veterans, and Active-Duty Military for ALL you do for our Country, God Bless America!

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter is having a Dine-In Luncheon Sunday October 15th from 11 to 1. We will be serving Baked Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. Free Will Donation.

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority held their Business Meeting Tuesday September 12, 2023 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. President, Claudia Boxell called the meeting to order with 12 members present: Sandy Booher, Lorie Fiock, Dawn Fowler, Carol Irick, Kelly Jones, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Pam Rudy, Jamie Straley, Victoria Thompson and Sondra Zabel, Carol Fair, Inactive member was also in attendance. Sharon Gebhart, Shelly Melchi and Betty Yoder were excused.

Tara, Recording Secretary, read the minutes from our

July Business Meeting. Treasurer, Dawn read the finance report. Vice President, Kelly will be working on our By-Laws as we are up for changes this year. Organizer, Victoria read correspondence from our International Organizer Colleen Criswell. Jamie, Service Secretary will collect birthday money. Editor, Beth passed the sheet for Alpha Bits News. Corresponding/Social Secretary, Sandy will send out birthday cards.

Finance chairman, Lorie had flyers for our October Luncheon. She has reserved the room for Bingo for July 2024 (mark your calendars) Claudia reported on the Scarecrow Festival. We decided to help the Boys & Girls Club with their lemonade stand. Beth reported that the audit of the books, all were in good standing. Claudia read correspondence from Alpha Province President Misty Clugh.

Sondra closed our meeting with prayer until we meet next Tuesday October 3, 2023 at 7pm.

A TRIP AROUND LAKES HURON & SUPERIOR DAY # 5, PART 2

by Larry Ryan
Traveling westward alongside Nipigon Bay, Highway # 11 joined Highway # 17 at the village of Nipigon. It was

originally named Red Rock for its colorful, surrounding, mountainous appearance. Our geographic location now was 62 miles northeast of Thunder Bay, ON. The Nipigon River port was an important fur trading outpost in the mid-1600s. Nipigon Lake, which was located 18 miles to the north, is the largest lake in Ontario. It measures 70 miles long and 50 miles wide, and is known as the "Brook Trout Heaven." The lake's name originated from the Ojibway Indian language as the "lake you cannot see the end of." There was an unsuccessful attempt to see the Northern Lights again.

From there, our journey took us southwest where we spent the night in Thunder Bay. Only 28 miles separated us from the US—Canadian border. Isle Royal (French—named and US—claimed) was just a few miles offshore. We learned that the Northern Lights are always active but too much city illumination here.

Before venturing any farther from the Great Lakes, several statues of Paul Bunyan had an obvious presence in the landscape. One was at Blind River at the peak of Lake Huron and a few others appeared along the north shore of Lake Superior. The folklore stories about Paul were thought to have been contrived about the life of a Black, French Canadian named, Fabian "Saginaw Joe" Fournier. At 6' tall and brawny, he was referred to as a giant. His strength and size helped him conquer many challenges in life. He was a friend to new settlers and helped them in various ways. After the Civil War, he moved south into Michigan and became the foreman of a logging crew. Reports have it that in 1875, at the age of 30,

he was hit on the back of his head with a mallet and died during a brawl.

The folklore "Paul Bunyan" was mainly the derivation of a journalist, James MacGillivray, who resided in Oscoday, Michigan. He wrote, "Round River," a 1906 story that appeared in local newspapers and featured a legendary, brawny, 7 ft. lumberjack. The author collaborated with another person for a Bunyan poem that was published in the American Lumberman Magazine in 1912. He was further popularized by Wm. B. Laughead in a 1916 pamphlet for the Red River Lumber Company.

These tall tales made Paul Bunyan a folk hero! The stories became embellished over time. Here are some examples: Paul was so big at birth that it took five storks to deliver him to his parents; he was credited with using his axe to create the Grand Canyon, Puget Sound, and the Black Hills; and another account had Paul and Babe, the Blue Ox, responsible for producing the 1,000 lakes in Minnesota by their footsteps in the winter snow.

He named his faithful cattle friend, "Babe the Blue Ox" after an unusual "blue" snowfall had stained the animal's hide. It was also reported that this legendary character had a double set of teeth. That alone should

have scared most people. Dentists beware!

Today's history lesson and folklore stories are concluded for today. More traveling tomorrow.

PAIN IN YOUR FOOT OR ANKLE? IT COULD BE ARTHRITIS

(StatePoint) Arthritis in the feet and ankles can produce swelling and pain, deformity, loss of joint function and loss of mobility. Whereas previous generations had to accept this as a normal part of aging, an explosion of new therapies and surgical treatments is offering patients today both hope and relief. For best results however, foot and ankle surgeons urge early intervention.

"When it comes to arthritis, it's important not to tough out symptoms or bear the pain," says Danielle Butto, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "Earlier treatment is not just about alleviating symptoms sooner. In many cases, we can even slow the progression of the symptoms, and use less invasive procedures to treat the condition than we would otherwise."

Understanding the early warning signs of arthritis, the

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GENEALOGY REPORT

MOYER

Carol "Joyce" Moyer passed away peacefully following a brief illness on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023.

Joyce, as she was known most of her life, was born on November 7, 1939, in Jackson, Mich., to Paul Wilson and Cleo (Clouse) Wilson.

She was the youngest of three children.

The family moved to Warren, where she attended high school and enjoyed singing and being a cheerleader.

Joyce married Stephen Moyer in Hartford City, where they were devoted parents to their daughter, Trudy.

After being a homemaker while Trudy grew up, she went on to work in the office of Hartford City Clerk Treasurer and was Deputy Blackford County Treasurer.

Steve and Joyce were active in Hartford City Elk's and many bridge clubs. After retiring, they moved to West Lafayette to be closer to Trudy and their grandchildren, Bradley Ludwig and Jessica (Ludwig) Hathaway.

Steve and Joyce could always be found attending sporting events, band concerts, school programs and everything else Bradley and Jessica participated in.

Winters were spent as snowbirds in Marco Island, Fla.

Following Steve's passing in 2017, Joyce moved to an apartment in Westminster Village, West Lafayette, where she was active in bridge clubs, euchre games and assorted other activities.

She also made many dear friends while at Westminster Village.

Joyce is survived by daughter, Trudy (husband, Clinton Todd Guthrie), of West Lafayette; grandson, Bradley Ludwig (wife, Katie), of Palatine, Ill.; granddaughters, Jessica (husband, Logan Hathaway), of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., Allison Guthrie, of Chicago, Ill., and Megan (husband, Trey Moore), of Brazil; great-grandson, Rhett Hathaway; great-granddaughters

Autumn Moore and Aurora Moore; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Jerry Wilson, sister, Lois Minnich, and husband, Stephen.

Services for Joyce were at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023.

Burial followed at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie.

If desired, memorials may be made to Purdue Foundation for the Stephen A. and Joyce Moyer "All-American" Marching Band scholarship, 403 W. Wood St., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

CAMPBELL

Helen Elizabeth (Ruble)

Campbell, 102, went to her

Heavenly Home September 11, 2023, from Heritage Pointe, Warren, Indiana.

She was born in Huntington County, on November 10, 1920, to Virgil Ruble and Dora (Murphy) Ruble. She graduated from Jefferson High School, Huntington County. She married the love of her life, John William Campbell, on December 10, 1940. They were married for 55 years before he preceded her in death. John operated the Banquo Garage for 50 years.

She enjoyed caring for her family, canning, and making clothes for her children. Her faith in God was a big part of her life. She faithfully attended church with her family. She taught Sunday School, played the piano and was active in the missionary society. She moved to Heritage Pointe in 1997, where she continued to play the piano for chapel services there. A joy of her life was her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, siblings: Don Ruble, Lois Dysert, Imagene Ruble, Robert Ruble, Ronald Ruble, grandson, Nathan Brown, granddaughter, Heather

Wagoner, and son-in-law, Rocky Breeding. Helen is survived by her brother, Richard Ruble, and her daughters: Bonnie Lou (Leland) Gamson, Yevonne (Kenneth) Brown, Marie Breeding, Gwendolyn (Terry) Wagoner, five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, Indiana on Friday, September 22, 2023, from 10:00am-11:00am. A service to celebrate Helen's life will follow at 11:00am. Burial will take place in the Mt Etna Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Activities Department of Heritage Pointe of Warren.

HUSTON

Deborah "Debbie" S. Huston, 64, of Marion, passed away at 11:11 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023.

She was born in Marion on Monday, Feb. 16, 1959, to Kenneth and Dorothy (Nix) Trueman.

On September 9, 1988, Debbie married Douglas E. Huston, who survives.

She graduated from Marion High School.

Debbie was a legal secretary for over 40 years for Martin Lake.

Additionally, she managed Idyl Wyld Roller Skating Rink, Marion, for 20 years.

Growing up at the skating rink, Debbie won many competitive awards and also was an instructor.

She was best known as hard-working, a loving mother and grandmother and a caretaker to the family.

Debbie also adored her loving dog, Sadie.

In addition to her loving husband, Doug, survivors include her mother, Dorothy Trueman; sons, Nathan (Stephanie) Bragg, of Marion, and Doug T. (Crystal) Huston, of Van Buren; granddaughters, Janessa Huston and Lesleigh Bragg; grandsons, Chad Stevens, Ethan Bragg, Elijah Bragg and

Owen Bragg; sisters, Sheryl (Jack) Courtney and Christine (late Dan) Peters; several nieces and nephews.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Trueman, grandson, Tyler Bragg, and granddaughter, Amelia Bragg.

The family will receive visitors from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, 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 Debbie's life will begin at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Marion Bush officiating.

Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to IU Health Simon Cancer Center, 1030 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

TITUS

Radeana "Randi" Titus, 49, of Van Buren, died unexpectedly after a brief illness on Monday Sept. 11, 2023, at her Van Buren residence.

She was born on April 27, 1974, in Muncie, the daughter of Bobbie Jo (Howell) Dickey, of Milan, and Tim E. Titus, of Wilmington, Ohio.

Randi graduated from Madison-Grant High School, Fairmount, in 1992, where she was a competitive athlete competing in volleyball, basketball and track and was a talented gymnast, cheerleader and baton twirler.

She also was an animal lover ready to rescue any animal needing a home. Randi later earned her bachelor's degree in Surgical Technology from Ivy Tech. She loved her job traveling many years throughout the country as a traveling surgical tech.

Randi's happy-go-lucky personality made her a peace maker and likable by everyone she met. It also made her home the gathering place of her son's

friends and neighborhood kids where she was in the middle competing in their games and shenanigans, and jumping on the trampoline.

Her son was the light of her life.

Growing up, Randi had a close loving bond with her great-grandmother, Gladys Howell.

Along with her parents, she is survived by her son, Hunter Gilbert, at home; sister, Jo-Ell (Charles) Williams, of Milan; her companion, Tony Gilbert, of Van Buren; paternal grandmother, Ruthanna "Tottie" Titus, of Fairmount; niece, Breana (Jake) Chenoweth; nephew, Austin Williams; great-nieces and nephews, Kadance, Bo, Sebastian, Lily and Baylan.

Randi was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Hubert and Ruby Howell, and her step-father James E. Dickey.


Arrangements have been entrusted to Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, where visitation will be on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. with the funeral service following at 3 p.m. with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Burial will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952 or at the funeral home.

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FLAUGHER

Carolyn Weaver Flaugher, 86 of Liberty Center, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday,



September 12, 2023, at her home in Liberty Center.

Carolyn was born on September 10, 1937, to Paul and Frances Weaver Sr. in Huntington, Indiana. She graduated in 1955 from Lancaster High School and married Jack Flaugher on August 10, 1957, in Huntington County. Carolyn was a homemaker and enjoyed tending to her flower garden. In her spare time, she enjoyed watching IU Basketball, especially when they would win and the Boilermakers would lose. She deeply loved her family and her yellow lab, Brady.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Frances Weaver Sr., sister, Joyce Truitt, and brother, John Weaver.

Loving survivors include her husband, Jack Flaugher, children, Gary (Teresa Slusher) Flaugher, David (Tina Steele) Flaugher, Jill (Mike) Morrissey, and Mitch Flaugher, grandchildren, Brad Flaugher, Dustin (Jody Leamon) Flaugher, Mitch (Shawna Heard) Miller, Brittany Flaugher, Brooke Flores, Nicole (Doug) Miller, Matt (Jordan Moore) Morrissey, Eliza (Zach) Guggenbiller, and Kevin (Kelsey) Flaugher, great grandchildren, Elise, Madi, Kennedy, Cale, Hattie, Eloise, Lynae, Sam, and Dawson, sisters, Martha Stephen and Jane Schenkel, and brothers, Paul (Carolyn) Weaver Jr., Jim (Carolyn) Weaver and Joe (Carolyn) Weaver.

In honor of Carolyn's wishes, private services will be held. Burial will take place in Lancaster Cemetery in rural Huntington County, Indiana. Anyone wishing to send gifts or flowers may contact the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: The Bluffton -Wells County Animal Shelter by

making checks payable to Friends of the Shelter, 1613 W. Cherry St. Bluffton, IN 46714.

MANN

Dottie M. Mann, 95, of Ossian, IN, formerly of Warren, IN,



passed away at 3:40 AM on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at Ossian Health & Rehab Center.

She was born on Monday, May 7, 1928, in Huntington County, IN to Chester Vastine & Orpha Mae (Smith) Holmes. She married William A. "Bill" Mann on Sunday, July 4, 1948, in Jefferson Center Church, Huntington, IN; Bill passed away on October 23, 2008.

Dottie was a 1946 graduate of Jefferson Township School. She formerly worked for Kenny Bob Auto as an office worker and retired from the United Methodist Memorial Home (Heritage Pointe) in the activities department.

Dottie taught weaving for many years and enjoyed watching Cubs baseball games, shopping and crafts. She was a member of Solid Rock Church of Warren. Above all else, the most important thing in Dottie's life was her family.

Loving survivors include: her daughters, Becky (Bob) King, Ossian, IN, Barb (Tim) Leeth, Fairfax, VA, Sara Morrison, Columbus, OH, grandchildren, Angie (Zane) Johnson, AZ, Jennifer (Jeff) Glick, FL, Erin (Kenny) Meadows, VA, Katie (Kyle) Brown, IN, Byron (Beth) Leeth, VA, Tara (D.J. Peer) Leeth, CT, great grandchildren, Miles (Morgan) Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Ashton Johnson, Karl Glick, Paul Glick, Abby Glick, Travis Glick, Jordain Meadows, Tyler (Gillian) Meadows, Payton Meadows, Liam Meadows, Hazel Meadows, Ezra Meadows, Wyatt Leeth, Owen Leeth, Anna Kate Leeth, Graham Leeth, Jackson Brown & Harrison Brown and great-great grandchildren, Everett Johnson, Hudson Johnson, baby boy Johnson due in

December and Emmett Meadows.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Emma Louise Williams, sister, Evelyn Ruth Gebhart, brother, William Kenneth Holmes, brother, Robert E. Holmes, brother, Don Dwight Holmes, sister, Mary Elizabeth Lee and brother, Maurice L. Holmes.

Family and Friends can gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, IN on Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. A Graveside service will take place on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 11:00 am at Gardens of Memory, located at 11202 S. Marion Rd. Marion, IN 46952.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Dottie can be directed to The Pulse Opera House, PO Box 631, Warren, IN 46792 and/or Solid Rock Church, 485 Bennett Drive, Warren, IN 46792.

WIEBE

Bernhard 'Bernie' Peter Wiebe, 70, of Madison, Wis. died on Sept. 12, 2023 in his home, surrounded by his wife and daughters.

He was born in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, Canada on July 13, 1953, to Henry Wiebe and Agatha Warkentin Wiebe. He grew up on a farm near Superb and was one of nine siblings. They had a lot of family nearby, and his siblings, cousins, and dear friends affectionately called him Buck.

He graduated from Rosthern Junior College in Rosthern, Saskatchewan in 1971 and studied medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, graduating in 1978. He became a family physician and hospice medical director. His career took him to communities in Saskatchewan, Labrador and Indiana. His vocation gave him much satisfaction and purpose, and he was beloved by his colleagues and patients.

Bernie met the love of his life, Marie Regier, in 1969.

The two were married on June 2, 1973, and had three daughters. Despite having a busy career, he was a very devoted and playful dad. One of his favorite roles in life became that of a grandfather, or Opa. He treasured his time with grandchildren and loved getting to know each of them as individuals.

Bernie was a man of many hobbies and interests. Music was a big part of his life, playing guitar and always singing. He had a love of the natural world, gardening, being outside among the trees and birds and by the water. He loved reading, playing with words, and poetry writing in recent years.

Bernie will be remembered for his empathetic and kind-hearted nature; his love of play, silliness and laughter; his love of telling long stories; his social energy and joy found in conversations with almost anybody; his devotion and love to his family and dear friends.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Agatha Wiebe, parents-in-law Arthur and Charlotte Regier, brother Rudy Wiebe, brothers-in-law Don Ferguson and Jim Milligan, nephews Shawn Ferguson, Brendan Unger and Jonathan Pedersen.

He is survived by his wife Marie; daughters, Heidi (Wilson) Sosa Padilla, Sara (Chuck Wright) Wiebe and Erica (Jacob) Boehr; grandchildren, Ethan and Nicolas Sosa Padilla, Charlotte and Hazel Boehr; siblings, Marg (Gerald) Neufeld, Linda Unger, Marie Ferguson, Alf (Sharon) Wiebe, Eileen Klaassen, Erika Wiebe, Trudy Wiebe (Dennis Harrigan) and Dave Wiebe; siblings-in-law, Doris (Dave) Pedersen and Rob (Janet) Regier; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

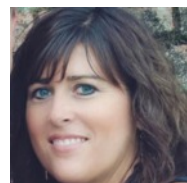
A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18 at Madison Mennonite Church, 1501 Gilbert Rd, Madison WI 53711.

A private burial will take place earlier in the day.

We'd like to give our gratitude to all of the physicians and staff at UW Health and Agrace Hospice whose compassionate care will not be forgotten. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Mennonite Central Committee or The Farley Center of Verona, Wis.

LEMLER

Tracy Sue Lemler, 44 of Bluffton, passed away Wednesday morning,



September 13, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family.

Tracy was born on March 21, 1979 in Marion to Michael L. and Cathy S. (Zoda) Wright. She was a 1998 graduate of Southern Wells High School. On February 20, 1999, Tracy and Kevin Lemler were married. They celebrated 24 years of marriage together.

She is survived by her husband Kevin of Bluffton, along with their daughters; Courtney (Zach) Biddle of Warsaw, Kirtlynn Lemler and Samantha Lemler of Bluffton, along with her parents, Mike and Cathy of Dillman, a brother Shane (Caitlin) Wright of Warren and their sons Chase and Cash Wright, and several nieces and nephews. She was a loving and proud mother to her three daughters.

Tracy is preceded in death by her grandparents.

A service to Celebrate Tracy's life will be held at 11 A.M. on Saturday (Sept. 16, 2023) at Grace Community Church, located at 1810 East Bradford Pike, Marion, Indiana. Pastor Mark Hummell will officiate.

Visitation will take place from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. on Saturday, prior to the service at the church.

The family prefers that instead of sending flowers, memorials can be made to Stillwater Hospice or to the Tracy Lemler Secondary Educational Scholarship fund

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and can be made payable to PNC Bank. Please direct all memorials to the funeral home.

WRIGHT

Sherril E. Wright, 77, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, in her home.

She was born in Marion on May 20, 1946, to the late Harvey D. and Iris Carol (Clawson) Sands.

Sherril graduated from Marion High School in 1964.

On July 5 of the same year she married David A. Wright. He preceded her in death on July 14, 2011.

Sherril was employed by STAR Financial Bank and retired in 1996.

In her free time, she liked to crochet.

Sherril's favorite color was red.

She enjoyed watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune and was lucky enough to win an all expense paid trip from Wheel of Fortune to Disney World and Sea World.

Sherril's grandchildren and great-grandchildren meant everything to her, and nothing made her happier than being with them.

She is survived by her children, Adrian T. (Mabel) Wright, of Huntington, Amy L. Wright, of Gas City, and Angie E. Wright, of Gas City; stepson, Richard A. (Tina) Wright, of Marion; brothers, Ricky Lee Sands, of Indiana, and Matthew N. (Christy) Sands, of Yorktown; sister, Leslie (Wayne) Hubbard, of Gas City; grandchildren, Justin Wright, Daniel (Mollie Shorten) Wright, Sarah (Josh) Duvall, Karri (Gregory Cline) Wright, Seth Wright, Jacob (Morgan Johnson) Wright, Shealene (Brayton) Tedder, John Wright, Heather Wright, Ricky Burton, Mark Burton and Steve Burton; great-grandchildren, Gabriel Wright, Madison Kuhn, Emma Gorrell, Emilio Martinez, Wyatt Foy, Abigail Foy, Gracelynn Duvall, Brayleigh Duvall, Noah Duvall, Jude Wright, Azriel Wright, Haleigh Wright, Coltin Wright,

Gabriella Martinez, Ja'Myla Danforth, Armani Tedder, Everly Wright and Allison Wright.

Sherril also is preceded in death by her brother, Terry D. Sands.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Gas City Chapel, 200 N. Seventh St., Gas City.

The burial will follow the visitation in Van Buren Cemetery, Van Buren.

The family requests that all attendees wear red to honor Sherril.

VIDAL

James Ivan Vidal, 67, of Bluffton, passed away Thursday evening, Sept. 14, 2023, at his residence in Bluffton.

He was born Feb. 24, 1956, in Portland to Paul and Phoebe (Brock) Vidal.

James has been part of the Bi-County Services family since 1977 and loved working in the BI-County Workshop. He enjoyed collecting Matchbox cars, watching movies, listening to music and attending concerts. He liked animals, especially dogs, and always looked forward to the Bluffton Street Fair!

Survivors include his siblings; Roger Davis of Portland, Jesse (Pat) Vidal of Liberty Center, Cynthia Rogers of Cypress, Fla., William (Liz) Vidal of Davison, Mich., and Patricia Vidal of Greenwood, Fla.; and his many nieces and nephews who hold dear and cherish his memory.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Paula Brannon; and a brother, Richard Vidal.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with visitation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday prior to the service. Instead of flowers, the family would prefer memorials be made to Bi-County Services.

The family would like to thank James' Bi-County family for their dedicated love and services and care for James over the years.



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progression of different forms of the disease and the new treatments available are important for getting the proper treatment and managing your symptoms.

Osteoarthritis is a degenerative condition characterized by the breakdown and eventual loss of cartilage in the joints.

One common area where osteoarthritis occurs is the big toe. The big toe makes it possible for you to walk and run upright, absorbing forces equal to nearly twice your body weight when walking. With all it endures, it's no surprise that overuse can erode cartilage, causing serious pain and even physical deformities. Nevertheless, many people confuse big toe arthritis, also known as hallux rigidus, with bunions.

Early signs of hallux rigidus include pain and stiffness during use, or during cold, damp weather, difficulty with activities like running and squatting, and swelling and inflammation around the joint. Additional symptoms may develop over time,

including pain during rest, bone spurs, limping, and dull pain in the hip, knee or lower back due to changes in gait.

If you notice any of these symptoms, see a foot and ankle surgeon. Conservative treatments like shoe modifications, orthotic devices and physical therapy, may prevent or postpone the need for surgery. If you have mid- to end-stage arthritis in your foot or ankle, you may require next steps, such as ground-breaking cartilage regeneration treatment, implant surgery or the surgical removal of damaged cartilage and spurs, all of which have quick recovery periods.

"People with this disorder tend to suffer much longer than they need to," says Dr. Butto. "They're often pleasantly surprised when they find out their problem can be fixed."

Rheumatoid Arthritis Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a disease in which certain cells of the immune system malfunction and attack healthy joints. Foot problems caused by RA commonly occur in the ball of the foot near the toes, although RA can also affect other areas of the foot and ankle. The most common signs and symptoms are pain, swelling, joint stiffness and difficulty walking, as well as a range of deformities, including rheumatoid nodules, dislocated toe joints, hammertoes, bunions, heel pain, Achilles tendon pain and flatfoot ankle pain.

As part of a team that includes a primary doctor or rheumatologist, your foot and ankle surgeon will develop a treatment plan aimed at relieving associated

pain, which may include orthotic devices, accommodative shoes, aspiration of fluid build-up and steroid injections. When RA produces foot pain and deformities not relieved through other treatments, surgery may be required.

"Listening to your body and seeing a foot and ankle surgeon are so important. With today's scientific advances, treatment can reduce pain and restore you to your previous mobility, strength and functionality," says Dr. Butto.

For more information on foot and ankle arthritis or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.



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thank God cause I had enough of the floods just in one night. But there was some places that we thought that if it was here that we lost the cart, it was some very deep water. Lol.

So this kinda sums up the train trip to California so if you ever want to experience a trip like this I do encourage it. You see lots of areas you wouldn't see from the car or bus and all of nature's beauty is right before your eyes, just a little fast for your eyes to see sometimes.

Have a great week.