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Thought for the Week: The way we distinguish ourselves is by showing our individuality. Elisa Camahort

2025 POPCORN FESTIVAL

Don't forget to attend the Van Buren Popcorn Festival this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This year's theme is Poppin' Up Aces.

Thursday - Opening Parade begins at 6:30 with the Van Buren High Class of 1965 & Alumni as the Grand Marshall of the 53rd Popcorn Festival Parade. Royalty and Parade winners will be announced after the parade. The Hubie Ashcraft Band will perform beginning at 8:00p.m.

Friday - 5:30 will be JDL Music, a Karaoke Contest at 6:30 and The Rylie Lynn Band will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday - Fireman's Pancake & Sausage breakfast at the Fire Station from 7-11am. The Kernel 5K will start at 8:30am with registration beginning at 7:30. From 9-11am will be the Popcorn Olympics (free games for kids). Baby Parade at 11, Mini Golf at Central Christian Church from 11 to 1. Kids can meet Spiderman at 11am, Ariel at 11:30 and 1, Elmo at Noon and 1:30. Balloons by Aaron will be creating amazing things with balloons from 12-4, A Caricature Artist will be available from 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. The Kids Big Wheel Race will be at 2 with the Pedal Tractor Pull at 3. The annual Car Show will be held from 2-5 - Registration starts at 1:30. At 5pm music will be provided by Anchored, with Syn at 6 and Ain't Ryte at 8:30. Following Ain't Ryte will be a Firework show by Big Brad's Fireworks.

Don't forget to check out all the food vendors and merchandise vendors set up around the library square. There will also be Bounce Houses.

Sunday there will be a Community Worship Service at the Stage across from the Library.

TOOTSIE ROLL

SWEEPSTAKES

Terry and Melinda of the Warren Pharmacy have grandchildren staying with them for a couple weeks. Autumn Pfuelb ("felb" 6 years old) is having a drawing at the Warren Pharmacy. For the two weeks of her visit she creatively asks for people to sign up to win 16 Tootsie Rolls! She will draw three names from the entries and award them each 16 Tootsie Rolls!

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Huntington County Purdue Extension Office is excited to offer the 2025-2026 Huntington County Community Leadership Program. The Extension Office, along with an advisory group, has been working on this program to help develop the community leadership skills of area business, non-profit and county leaders. Bowen Health is also a sponsor of this program.

For those who may have missed the initial application period from May-July, we are briefly extending the application deadline. Applications are now being accepted until August 10 (payment for approved participants will be due in mid-August). Apply online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/huntington>

Purdue Extension's Community Leadership Program is a leadership development course for adults who want to make a difference in their

communities. Through this series of interactive modules, participants develop their own leadership capacity and learn about the people, organizations and institutions that make up their communities and how they can engage in serving their communities more deeply.

The Leadership Program is comprised of nine sessions that meet monthly from September 2025 through May of 2026 at locations in Huntington County. Cost is \$400 per person - a limited number of scholarships will be available through the Community Foundation of Huntington County.

Community Leadership Development Program Sessions

- * Introduction to CLP/Personality Strengths September 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- * Interpersonal Communication October 15, 2025, 9-Noon

- * Team Building November 12, 2025, 9-Noon

- * Economic Development and Quality of Place December 10, 2025, 9-Noon

- * Education and Workforce Development January 14, 2026, 9-Noon

- * Cultural Awareness/Conflict Management February 11, 2026, 9-3:30 p.m.

- * Non-profit Boards March 11, 2026, 9-Noon

- * Effective Meetings April 8, 2026, 9-Noon

- * Local Government/Community Health May 13, 2026 9-3:30 p.m.

Program and Lunch Sponsorships are available. Please contact Matt Ditzler, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Huntington County for details.

If you have any other questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Purdue Extension - Huntington County Director, at 260-358-4826 or emfarris@purdue.edu

PFW WAIVING FEES

Purdue University Fort Wayne wants to reassure prospective students that there's still time to enroll for the fall semester, which starts Aug. 25. And as an incentive for those who may still be undecided about their college plans, the university is temporarily waiving its \$30 undergraduate application fee and \$50 enrollment deposit fee for all new freshman and transfer students.

The incentive will run from Friday to 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 18. All an applicant needs to do is visit pfw.edu/apply and add the code ApplyPFW when prompted.

This limited-time offer is designed to help students open the door to a nationally respected Purdue education rooted in the Fort Wayne community. In addition to the waived fees, incoming students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher will be automatically considered for merit-based scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 per year - no separate application is required.

"At Purdue Fort Wayne, we're committed to expanding access to a high-quality education that transforms lives and strengthens our region," said Ryan Wooley, associate vice chancellor for enrollment management. "Waiving the application fee is one more way we're removing barriers and making a world-renowned Purdue degree

even more obtainable for students right here in northeast Indiana."

To learn more about undergraduate admissions at Purdue Fort Wayne, scholarships, and next steps, visit pfw.edu/admissions or call 260-481-6812.

CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

Attorney General Todd Rokita is serving up more than fried Oreos and Ferris wheel rides at this year's Indiana State Fair - he's bringing indianaunclaimed.gov to the Midway and helping Hoosiers search for their unclaimed property.

The Indiana State Fair runs from Friday, August 1st to Sunday, August 17th and is closed on Mondays. Attorney General Rokita's booth is located in the Mercantile Building and will be staffed from 9:00 a.m. ET to 9:00 p.m. ET each day.

"Most Hoosiers don't realize they could have money sitting out there waiting to be claimed - and we're making it easier than ever to find it," Attorney General Rokita said. "So, while you're enjoying lemon shake-ups and prize pigs, come meet with our team, learn about our office, and reunite with your unclaimed property."

Recovering your unclaimed property is safe, secure and simple. Attorney General Rokita recommends Hoosiers visit indianaunclaimed.gov and check for these types of property:

- * Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safety deposit box contents
- Savings and checking accounts

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Treva's Recipe Box

by Treva Flemming

Tara and I love to compete in competition baking and this contest is a little out of the ordinary. The Indiana state fair has a same recipe contest, and everyone has to follow the same exact recipe, you cannot change the recipe at all. This year Tara will be the lone ranger in this contest because I forgot to put on my entry form, but I did buy all the stuff and gave it a whirl, and I must say it was pretty good. I only made scones one time in my life and they were pretty good. This recipe is more like a savory recipe and very simple to make. So give it a try. They were pretty tasty.

EVERYTHING BAGEL AND CHEESE SCONES

- 2c. Flour.
- 1 tbsp. Baking powder
- 1 tbsp. Sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp. Everything bagel seasoning
- 1c. Shredded medium cheddar
- 1/2 c. Unsalted butter, cold
- 1 egg
- 1/3 c. Buttermilk plus more for brushing

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In A large mixing bowl combine the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, bagel seasoning, and cheese. Cut the butter into small cubes. Add it too the flower mixture and combine with a pastry blender until the mixture comes together in pea sized crumbs. Whisk the egg and buttermilk together. Pour into the flour mixture. Gently and combine into a shaggy dough. Dump the dough onto a slightly floured work surface. Very gently knead the dough until just begins to combine. Gently firm the dough into an approximately 1.5 inches thick disk. Slice into 8 triangles and place each triangle apart on the baking sheet. Freeze for 15 minutes. Lightly brush each scone with butter milk. Bake 18 to 25 minutes out until golden brown



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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
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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.

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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.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor Mark Joyner
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
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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
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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
260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy

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

Everyone is Welcome
**SALAMONIE
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468-2412

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

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375-2102
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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
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



Please Attend The Church of Your Choice

AREA NEWS

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Refunds
Overpayments such as:
Credit card balances
Cell phone bills
* DMV payments
Representatives from the office will be available to assist Hoosiers with unclaimed property and provide information to help consumers protect themselves and their family from ID theft and other clever scams. Copies of Attorney General publications like the Parents' Bill of Rights, Gun Owners Bill of Rights, and Indiana Constitution will also be available.

Attorney General Rokita's office has returned over \$62,000,000 so far this year and much more is ready to be claimed. With more than \$2 million returned to Hoosiers every week, don't miss out on your chance to be next!

Come one, come all - Attorney General Todd Rokita and his Unclaimed Property team are ready to make this year's State Fair a winning experience for every Hoosier! Check IndianaUnclaimed.gov today and claim your prize!

SHIRT SALE

You may order Lightning-5 and Historic Warren Main Street T-Shirts, Sweatshirts and Hoodies online through the Bad-Apple Graphics Store. Find links on the Historic Warren Main Street FaceBook page.

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Stop by the Warren Pharmacy and look through the catalog which has been printed out for your viewing!

A TRIP TO P. E. I., NEW BRUNSWICK, & NOVA SCOTIA DAY 4

by Larry Ryan
Our Canadian journey was headed to Prince Edward Island today. I had a yearning to see this place for a long time. Why? Many people had talked about it, which wetted

my desire! After ingesting the inclusive breakfast, the bus departed at 8 am and drove northeast on highway # 1. After passing Sussex, joining Province Highway # 2, passing Moncton, Dieppe, and Sackville, a left turn was made onto Province Highway # 16. The Confederation Bridge lay ahead. This bridge, which crossed the Northumberland Strait, connected Cape Jourimain, N. B. to Borden-Carleton, P. E. I. The 8 mile long structure was navigated in ten minutes. It is the longest bridge in Canada and the longest across frozen water in the world! This aggregate composition was built in four years and opened in 1997.

Our tour group headed to the shore for a lobster boat experience. After boarding the boat and setting off from the dock, the boat's crew retrieved some lobster traps. In addition, the captain commented about the lobster fishing business and gave anatomical information about the crustacean, including how to determine its sex! My wife was selected by the captain to kiss the lobster. It was a maritime ritual for first-time voyagers? I escaped the task. Reluctantly, she accepted the request and lived to take part in the onboard, lobster lunch. The crew and tour directors helped crack the lobster shells for us neophytes. However, the meal was a real treat for

those of us who live inland! The cleanup was messy.

With some effort we regained our land legs after docking. The bus driver delivered us to The Great George Hotel in downtown Charlottetown, PEI. This city is the capital of the province. The hotel was built in 1846 by James H. Down. Later, Henry Haszard bought it and used it to sell merchandize, such as parasols, corsets, hardware, and groceries. It was remodeled in 1857 and hosted delegates for the resultant, "Fathers of Confederation" in 1864. In 1990, Mike Cassidy and current owner, Kevin Murphy bought the hotel and adjacent buildings. It now contains 54 rooms.

During the years of 1767-1810, British speaking, Irish Protestants were brought to the island to establish British Law, Government, and Institutions. In 1769, the island split from the British Colony of Nova Scotia and named itself P. E. I. in 1798 after Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathearn.

12,000 years ago, indigenous people named, Mi'kmaq lived here in a location called, Mi'kma'ki. They referred to the island as 'Epekwit' meaning, "lying in the water."

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens
Ask Rusty - I'm Turning 70. When Should I Apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on September 20th and want to start my Social Security benefits in September. What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help. Signed: Ready to Claim.

Dear Ready to Claim: Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application). Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will give SS plenty of time to get your benefits started on time. Remember, though, that SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so if you start benefits in September, you will receive your first SS payment in October (on the 3rd Wednesday). And, since you will be turning 70 in September you are entitled to full benefits effective from the first of that month. Congratulations on choosing a strategy which maximizes your monthly payment. By claiming at age 70, your

monthly SS benefit will be about 31% more than it would have been at your full retirement age, and you will get that higher monthly amount for the rest of your life.

Re your question about possible delays, Social Security staff reductions have not included "front line" agents (those who handle applications), so the SS recent staff adjustments should not likely delay processing your application. Although some back-office staffing turmoil currently exists at SSA, they have been moving more people to front-line positions to try to improve their service. Just be aware, however, that it normally takes the SSA about 2 to 3 months to process new applications, which is why they allow applications up to 4 months in advance. You will specify the month you wish benefits to start on your application. In any case, although your application should be fine if you submit it this month, rest assured that they will pay you starting with the month you requested, even if they must do so retroactively.

FYI, you can apply for Social Security in person by making a telephone appointment to do so at 1.800.772.1213, or you can apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply. To apply online, you need to have first created your "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

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Weekly Specials
Aug 7 - 13

SAVE UP TO 75% IN STORE

- Mother's Animal Cookies
Box of 40 1oz bags - \$8.49 ea.
- Ritz Crackers
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Monday	4pm-7pm	Friday	11am-6pm
Tue-Wed	11am-6pm	Saturday	9am-5pm

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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.

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
Aug 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 29	7:00p	W - Soul Shot & Cannonball Brass @ Riverside Park
Sep 3	Noon	W - Chamber 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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Here is a video which explains the online application process: www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm.

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WHAT DO YOU SAY WHEN YOU TALK TO YOURSELF?

by Bryan Golden

You have just completed a major work project before the deadline. Having worked diligently and spending your own time, you're proud of the results and can't wait to impress your boss. You show him the project and he immediately begins to criticize it and you. The criticism is completely unwarranted. What do you say to yourself? "I've failed again" or "He must be having a bad day, I know I did an excellent job"?

You've thought of an innovative idea for a business that you really believe in. Excitedly, you tell your spouse who finds only faults with your idea. He tells you it'll never work. Seeking another opinion, you confide in one of your closest friends. She has nothing positive to say either. What do you say to yourself? "Why can't I ever come up with good ideas" or "I know my concept is good, I'm going to go with it"?

You're a volunteer at a civic organization. You make a suggestion for a fundraiser and the president of the

organization tells you it's a bad idea that won't work. What do you say to yourself? "It's no problem if they don't like my ideas, I'll still help anyway I can" or "If they don't like my suggestion, they can do it themselves"?

You help your neighbor move some furniture. Several months later, you ask them for help carrying some heavy items to the dumpster. He tells you he's too busy and doesn't have time. What do you say to yourself? "Fine, last time I help him or anyone else" or "No big deal, I'll ask one of my other friends to help"?

There's a job opening where you work. The position is something that you always wanted to do. It's a great opportunity and would be a promotion. You're not sure if you have enough experience. What do you say to yourself? "I'll apply, I've got nothing to lose" or "Why bother applying, I've got no chance"?

You can probably relate to one or more of these illustrations or have experiences that are similar in nature. Comments of all sorts are volunteered by everyone; friends, family, coworkers, bosses, acquaintances, and even strangers.

People are constantly giving you their unsolicited opinions. There's nothing you can do, it's human nature. What's important is what you say to yourself, not what others say to you.

Without discrimination, your brain believes whatever you tell it and immediately goes to work figuring a way to make the statements happen. Your mind processes your self-talk 24 hours a day. Don't say to yourself phrases you don't want to come true.

Tell yourself things that help rather than hurt you. You want to be saying things such as "I can do this, I am capable, I'm a good person, I can learn what I need to know, I can make it work, and good things will be happening."

Whatever it is that you say to yourself, you are right. Occasionally, I have a student tell me that he or she can't do something. I tell them if that's the way they feel, they are right. But if someone says, "I can do it," they are also right. Remarking "I can't do this" is different than saying "I need help" or "I don't understand." Asserting, "I can't" is a final conclusion rather than making an effort to seek a solution.

Be aware of and monitor what you say to yourself. Don't tell yourself anything that's not going to help and assist you in achieving a positive outcome. Always engage in positive self-talk.

Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com Copyright 2025 Bryan Golden

FROM SUITCASE TO STYLED SPACE: YOUR 48-HOUR COLLEGE APARTMENT STYLE GUIDE

(StatePoint) College move-in weekend hits fast. Once the cars are unpacked and family and friends bid farewell, the first few hours in your new white-walled place can feel weird. But this is an exciting opportunity to make it yours. This go-to guide provides a flexible framework for styling on- and off-campus dwellings quickly, so you can go from unpacked to unreal by the

end of the weekend. The best part: no tools are required.

Hours 0-8: Envision Your New Home

Unpack the basics that will make your dorm or apartment instantly livable—think bedding, toiletries, chargers and snacks (non-negotiable). Then, map out key areas, like the entryway, bedroom and workspace, and imagine how you want them to look.

"Prioritize the parts that make the biggest impact first," says Natalie Guillaume, director of product marketing at FrogTape brand, which makes removable mounting products and other easy décor solutions. "Don't stress out about perfection—focus on comfort, functionality and your personal style. Using transformable mounting solutions and removable décor can make it all happen."

Hours 8-24: Decorate and Organize With Zero Tools

Maximize every inch of your space with new FrogTape reMOVEables, an array of temporary, damage-free hooks, strips and picture-hanging solutions that are offered in a variety of sizes, colors and finishes. Designed to hold up to 3 pounds, the FrogTape reMOVEables Heavy-Duty Medium White Hook is perfect for hanging keys, bags, towels and even bulkier items like cutting boards, to add immediate utility to cramped areas.

While the hooks help keep essentials in one place, the picture-hanging strips promise function and personality. Mount a mirror on the back of a door or wall to make the room feel larger or make a stylish gallery wall that's easy to rearrange and update. Try displaying family photos, vision boards and

neon wall signs in a fun grid or shape, like a heart.

Hours 25-36: Make a Statement (Wall)

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STICKLER (CORRECTION)

Alice Marie Plasterer (Jacobs) Stickler, 99, of Huntington, Indiana, passed away at her home on Friday,



July 25, 2025, after a lifetime of devotion and service to her family and friends, church and community. Anyone who knew her was inspired by her boundless energy, zest for life and loving nature.

She was born in Huntington on June 20, 1926, the oldest child of parents Eiffel Gray Plasterer (1899-1989) and Inez Marie (Burgett) Plasterer (1901-1988). Seven years later her brother William Eiffel Plasterer (1931-1997) joined the family.

She was married twice, first to Robert LaVerne Jacobs at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington, Indiana, on July 25, 1958, until his death on September 11, 1971. Then, later to Delvia Washington Stickler on April 23, 1992, in North Webster, Indiana, until his death on December 2, 2002.

She had two daughters from her first marriage, Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Simmons of Long Beach, California (1944-2025), and Mrs. Robert (Juanita) Schaefer of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and three stepdaughters from her second marriage, Mrs. Dan (Marjoria) Dafforn of Fort Wayne, Indiana (1938-2024), Mrs. Ron (Jane) Helzerman of Riverdale, Michigan, and Mrs. Larry (Judith) Park of LaVista, Nebraska. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Mrs. Dave (Shannon Schaefer) Haefner and Mrs. Mike (Laurie Schaefer) Horne.

In addition to her parents, brother, husbands, daughter and stepdaughter, she was also preceded in death by her brother's wife Evelyn E. (Goodrich) Plasterer, nephew Robert D. Plasterer, and niece Christine E. (Plasterer) Scher.

She is also survived by nephew and niece-in-law Edward and Teresa (Tackett) Plasterer, nephew and niece-in-law William and Nan

(Goldberg) Plasterer, and nephew-in-law and niece Wesley (Amanda Plasterer) Hosier, as well as 12 great-nieces/great-nephews, plus 13 great-great-nieces/great-great-nephews and 5 great-great-nieces/great-great-nephews.

Alice graduated from Huntington High School in 1944, and from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, in 1948 with a major in mathematics and chemistry. She was always learning, and enjoyed bible study, music, reading, history, gardening, birding, animals, travel, antique and vintage cars, raising Monarch butterflies, watching sports, and especially connecting with family and friends from around the world. She also cared for several treasured pets over the years, the last two being two littermate cats, Timmy and Thumbelina.

She worked for many years in various jobs for the United Methodist Church, both at Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington and then later alongside her first husband for the UMC denomination. She was a devoted lifetime member of Trinity United Methodist Church and over the years participated in their choir and bell choir, as well as serving on numerous church committees and on the church preschool board. She also played the Trinity bell tower chimes for over 70 years and was the church historian, actively serving in both capacities until her death.

She also was an accomplished bubble artist performing around the country on her own with her Alice's Fun With Bubbles show, and assisting her father with his pioneering bubble performances before that. In that capacity, she and her father made appearances several times on national television on Late Night With David Letterman and the Dick Cavett and Tom Snyder shows, among others. She was an honored member of the Association of International Bubble Artists and made the

trip with a friend to attend their convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2024. She performed her final bubble show in May of this year for the Trinity UMC Preschool.

Though she, her parents and brother lived in town, her early life was spent helping on her grandparents' farm in Huntington County on Division Road. Later when her parents moved to the farm after her grandparents' deaths, she helped with producing sorghum molasses, with antique steam engine and thrashing demonstrations, and other chores. She loved her time on the farm.

She was a member of the Samuel Huntington Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for 79 years, first attending with her grandmother, and was still regularly attending meetings. Over her time in the DAR, she served as Regent (twice), Registrar, Treasurer (for many years), and at different times chairman of the Scholarship, Conservation, Schools, and Good Citizen Committees. She attended the DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., three times.

There were other many clubs and activities, too, including volunteering in the gift shop at the Forks of the Wabash during school tours, helping with the Huntington Pioneer Festival and participating in the Huntington Chapter of the TOPS Club. She had been a member of the Huntington Theatre Guild over the years, and the Sunday before her death attended one of their plays with a friend. That same

week she had supper with friends and toured the exhibits at the Huntington County 4-H Fair. And, in May of this year, she made a trip with friends to see The Ark Experience in Kentucky, something that had been on her bucket list.

A memorial service for Alice will be held at the Trinity UMC, 530 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana, on Saturday, August 2. Calling is from noon-2 p.m. with the service immediately following. The service will also be livestreamed with a link available on the church's website (<https://tumchuntington.org>).

Officiate for the memorial service will be the Trinity UMC pastor Shalimar Holderly. Coffee hour refreshments following the service will be provided by the church membership.

Alice's cremation and arrangements were handled by Myer's Funeral Home in Huntington and online condolences may be offered at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/>.

Over the years Alice faithfully supported a wide variety worthy causes too numerous to mention individually. For those who wish to do so, charitable donations may be made in Alice's name to the Trinity United Methodist Church music department, the Trinity United Methodist Church preschool, or the Huntington County History and Education Center.

KENDRICK

On Friday, July 25, 2025, Phyllis Jean Kendrick, 88, left this life to join her husband of almost 64 years, James U Kendrick Jr., who passed in 2018.

She was born in a farmhouse in Warren on October 21, 1936, to Esther Maxine Chopson Hess Wolfe and Cletus Ignacious Hess. Both preceding her in death.

Phyllis married her high school sweetie, Jim Kendrick, the first Saturday after her 18th birthday.

They started out in Huntington before moving to Hartford City with three children 1970.

Phyllis was the at home mom who cooked, cleaned, watched her favorite soaps and hauled kids to practices and lessons.

She was a den mother and a Girl Scout leader for years finally taking her turn at running the Blackford County Girl Scouts and day camps.

Phyllis enjoyed camping, bridge, her friends and all her grandchildren who called her mawmaw.

She is survived by her children, John D Kendrick, of New Bloomfield, Mo., and family, Dasha Rives, and children, Gavin, Kaylee and Colton, Jacquely (Gerald) Summers, and children, Paige, Jacob, Briana and Zoie, Jennifer and Victoria, Jean A (Tracy) Hughes, of Hartford City, and family, Jennifer Bell Butcher, and her daughter, Jayden, Alex (Maranda) Bell, and family, Aubrey, Brilynn, Nova and Krew, Jake (Brooke) Bell, and their girls, Rose and Wren, and Lydia Hughes (Jacob Spears), and their son, Carter, due in October, Julie D (Jeffrey) Russell, of Carlisle, Ohio, and family, Jimi (Stephanie) Henderson, and family, Peyote Henderson, Vincent (Alexis) Henderson, and their children, Ivy and Lucius, Kyle (Whitney) McCloud and Josh (Thelma) Russell.

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Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Mattie (Mickey) Wallace, of Tuolumne, Calif., Nancy (John) Weatherford, of Ripon Calif., Helen Stevens, of Huntington, and Caroline Allen, of Huntington.

Preceding Phyllis in death include her husband, parents, brothers-in-law, Clyde Stevens, Windell and Nona Stevens, Glenn Stevens, Elton Stevens and Gary Stevens, and stepfather, Arthur N.E. Wolfe.

She requested to be cremated.

Burial will happen at a future date.

BOWMAN

Mary Ellen Bowman, 98, of Sweetser, passed away in her home at 7:16 p.m. on Sunday, July 27, 2025.

She was born in Swayzee on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1926, to Earnest and Mable (Strausburg) Key.

Mary graduated from Swayzee in 1944.

She was a member of Maple Run Friends Church, Marion.

Mary and her first husband, Robert Wesley Roos, were wed on June 29, 1946. Together they shared 20 years of marriage and three children, Suzanne, Jennifer and Christopher.

After Robert's passing, Mary married Paul Arthur Bowman on June 5, 1969. Together they shared a son, Paul Andrew.

Mary was a lifelong reader and learner. Her love for reading led her to work in the library at Swayzee Elementary School for 15 years.

She loved her job and being with the kids. She truly was a people-person.

Survivors include her children, Suzanne (John) Ladd,

of Marion, Jennifer St. Jean, of Oakville, Ontario, Christopher (Lou Ann) Roos, of Crossville, Tenn., and Paul Andrew "Andy" (Amanda) Bowman, of Van Buren; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded by her parents, husbands, Robert Roos and Paul Bowman, and seven siblings.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

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

Burial will take place at Thraill Cemetery, Swayzee.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Maple Run Friends Church, 4460 W. 400 S., Marion, IN 46953.

JAMES

Dwight Emerson James, 81, of Markle, passed away peacefully at 2:56 p.m. on

Monday, July 28, 2025, at Stillwater Hospice, Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 8, 1943, in Wells County to the late Herman James and Nora (Riggs) James.

A hardworking and dedicated man, Dwight was employed for many years at Dana Corporation and later worked at Southern Wells School, Poneto, where he made lasting connections with staff and students alike.

He married Mary Lou (Griffin) James on January 1, 1966, in Marion.

Dwight was a member of the Church of McNatt and lived a life guided by his faith, kindness and strong values.

He enjoyed camping trips with his family, cheering on the Cincinnati Reds and watching Indiana University basketball, especially during March Madness.

Dwight's legacy of love, faith and family will live on in all who knew him.

Dwight is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Lou

(Griffin) James of Markle; his sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Sheri James, Kevin and Deb James, and Keith and Melissa James; and his loving brother, Ron James. He was a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren: Brad (Kalyn) James, Derik James, Nick (Alex) James, Isiak (Kaitlynn) James, Jackson (Morgan) James, Makayla (Sean) Carlson, Griffin James, Erika James, Maria James, Flint James, and Addison Berich. He was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

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He also was blessed with nine great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

Dwight was preceded in death by his brothers, Garl James and Richard James, as well as his beloved granddaughter, Emily James.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember on Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, and again on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, from 10 to 11 a.m.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, with burial to follow at Jones Cemetery, rural Wells County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Church at McNatt, 8343 S. 1100 W.-90, Montpelier, IN 47359.

SMALL

Russell Lee Small, 64, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, July 31, 2025, at his home.

He was born on December 31, 1960, in Marion, Indiana, to Ferris and Bonnie (Camper) Small.

Russell worked and retired in construction, and he also farmed. He enjoyed coon hunting, fishing, and just being outdoors. He collected

antique glass and liked going to auctions.

He is survived by three children, Wayne (Candi) Small of Rochester, Indiana, Nick (Lesley) Small of Leiters Ford, Indiana, and Renee (Josh) LaRue, of Mentone, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Bailey Small, Brianna Small, Cami Small, Abby Small, Taylor Estepp, Hayden LaRue, Brooklyn LaRue, Loretta LaRue, and Virginia LaRue; great-granddaughter, Delilah Small, and siblings, Perry (Beverly) Small of La Fontaine, Indiana, Roger (Debbie) Small of Warren, Indiana, Kyle (Dawn) Small of La Fontaine, Indiana, and Patlyn (Ken) Tieman of Roanoke, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Rhonda Smith, and friend, Sue Neeley.

Per Russell's request, there will be no services.

SHIDELER

Ralph C. Shideler Jr., 89, of Marion, passed away in his home at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025.

He was born in Marion on Saturday, Sept. 28, 1935, to Ralph and Charlene (Soultz) Shideler Sr.

Ralph was a 1953 graduate of Van Buren High School and a graduate of DeVry Technical Institute, Chicago, Ill.

He and the love of his life, Ruth Vardaman, were married on June 17, 1955.

Ralph completed the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and the Armor Officer Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

He served as an officer in the 238th Cavalry Squadron and the 451st Field Depot, retiring as a Major in 1975.

Ralph was an audio-visual technician for the Eastbrook Community Schools Corporation and retired from there in 1997.

During this time, he also pursued his hobby of photography and worked for 15 years as a freelance photographer and film processor for Ken Hill at Sports Hot Line.

Ralph was a recipient of the "Sagamore of the Wabash"

award when he retired from Eastbrook Community Schools.

He was an avid reader and loved sailing, even building an 18-foot Trimaran sailboat which he sailed for 10 years.

Ralph participated in 100 mile "Century" bicycle tours. He ran in 10k (6.2 miles) races and enjoyed cross country skiing.

At home, he spent time square foot gardening, working on his computers and especially spending time in his room dubbed "The Sonic Sanctuary."

Ralph and his beloved wife, Ruth, toured the United States in their Chevy SSR attending many rallies.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Shideler, of Marion; daughter, Lori (Mark) Herring, of Upland; two grandchildren, Megan (Garrett) Dill, of Indianapolis, and Derek (Lila) Herring, of Indianapolis; great-grandchildren, Amelia June Herring and Forest Alan Herring; brother, Ron (Sue) Shideler, of Utica, Mich.; sister, Jayne Mathews, of Noblesville; sister-in-law, Barbara Vardaman, of Marion; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Phillip A. Shideler, and brothers-in-law, Darrell Vardaman and Larry Matthews.

The family would like to thank the loving and caring staff of Heartland Hospice.

The family will receive visitors from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

A memorial service to celebrate Ralph's will begin at 5 p.m. with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be directed to the donor's choice.

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