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Thought for the Week: It is the nature of all greatness not to be exact. Edmund Burke

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Daugherty Family Fund was established in 2009 in honor of H.L. and Martha Daugherty to provide scholarships to former employees, spouses and their families.

Additionally, Warren area students pursuing further education in an agriculture-related course of study are also considered.

The Daugherty Companies, founded in 1939, sold their manufacturing and distribution portion of the business in 2019 to Ag Express Electronics. The fund continues to support employees and children of Ag Express as well.

Since the inception, the fund has awarded over \$100,000 to worthy recipients. If you or a member of your family is or have been a part of the Daugherty organization, please pass this opportunity on.

Applications are now available:

<https://www.huntingtonccf.org/scholarship-opportunities/>

Deadline for applications is February 28, 2026.

## SCHOOL CHOICE IS EXPANDING

by Andrew Campanella

When some people think about K-12 school choice, they often picture families in large metropolitan areas touring dozens of schools in search of the right fit. That certainly happens, but education options for families in Indiana and across the country are continuing to evolve.

A new survey shows that last year, one in five parents living in suburbs, small towns, and rural communities enrolled

their children in new schools—the same rate as the national average. However, when asked about the year ahead, 43% of parents in small towns say they are likely to explore new school options, compared to 71% of parents who live in larger cities.

This gap is less about interest and more about a lingering perception that families in less populated areas lack opportunities to exercise choice in how and where their children learn.

In Indiana, parents have more education options than they may realize, even in smaller towns and rural communities. Alongside assigned traditional public schools, the Hoosier State is a national leader in giving families meaningful flexibility in choosing how and where their children learn.

Within the public education system, tuition-free schooling options include charter schools (which are widely available) and theme-based magnet schools (available in several cities). In some districts, parents may also be able to send their children to traditional public schools outside of their zones or attendance boundaries, if seats are available.

Parents can also consider private schools, and Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program helps eligible families make private education more affordable by providing vouchers that can be used to cover a significant share of private school tuition.

Many Indiana families choose to educate their children at home, and homeschooling communities and learning collaboratives can be found across the

state—including in smaller towns. Meanwhile, new options, such as community-based learning environments—called microschoools—are opening and providing additional opportunities for families who may not have easy access to traditional brick-and-mortar schools.

Finally, Indiana offers full-time, tuition-free public online schools. Far from the emergency remote learning of the pandemic era, these programs pair students with qualified teachers and provide structured instruction along with opportunities for students to interact with their classmates.

If you want to explore these education options in advance of the 2026-27 school year, the time to begin that process is now. National School Choice Week begins January 25, with 622 school events across Indiana, including school fairs, open houses, parent nights, and information sessions.

Families in small towns may find that their education options feel more limited than those available in larger cities. But that does not mean meaningful choices do not exist. If you are considering a change—whether your child is entering a new grade level, you are looking for a better fit, or you simply want to understand what is available—taking time now to explore your options can be worthwhile. You may be surprised by what you find, and the right choice could make a lasting difference for your child's future.

To access a free guide to K-12 school choice options in

Indiana, visit <https://myschoolchoice.com/indiana>.

Andrew Campanella is the CEO of the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, the nonprofit organization that coordinates National School Choice Week, Navigate School Choice, and Conoce tus Opciones Escolares. He is also the author of The School Choice Roadmap: 7 Steps to Choosing the Right School for Your Child.

## GOVERNOR'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Governor Mike Braun announced today that applications will be accepted through March 6, 2026, for the 2026-2027 Governor's Fellowship.

The Governor's Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

"One of the pleasures of being Governor is working with the next generation of leaders in our state," Gov. Braun said. "If you know an ambitious and enterprising person early in their career, encourage them to apply to work with me in the Governor's Office this year."

The program is open to college graduates who receive their associate or bachelor's degrees beginning in either summer or fall of 2025 or spring of 2026 as well as those without a degree who have at least two years of full-time professional experience. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor's Fellow participants have gone on to successful careers in both the public and private sectors—with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at <https://www.in.gov/gov/governors-office/governors-fellowship-program/>. To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be submitted via email by March 6, 2026.

Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than Friday, March 13, 2026. Recipients of the Fellowship will begin July 1, 2026.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Jessica Roeder at [jroeder@gov.in.gov](mailto:jroeder@gov.in.gov).

## ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPS

Farm Credit Mid-America is now accepting applications for its Customer Scholarships and Farm Credit Mid-America Scholars Program. Over the past decade, the Association has awarded more than \$2 million in financial and educational support to students pursuing careers that strengthen agriculture and rural communities and expects to award up to \$125,000 in academic support this year.

"These students represent the future of agriculture and rural communities," said Scott Feitl, talent programs and onboarding manager at Farm Credit Mid-America. "Our investment in their education is more than support; it's a partnership to ensure long-

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## Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Well, welcome back to life in a small town. As you know we are kicking off to a great new year and I sure hope life in this small town is good to us all.

I'm on a great start, well I'm saying that sarcastically, but I had to go purchase a new washer which is definitely not in my plans, but what can I say, my old washer was a great one and sure hope that my new one is even better.

I purchased a whirlpool, which is American made right in Ohio. I have had very good luck with that brand so I hope it carries me for the rest of my life.

I did not buy a dryer, I decided I was just gonna ride it till it dies, I have never had anything go wrong, so please say a little prayer that she keeps on going!!

When we remodeled my kitchen I purchased a whole set of Frigidaire appliances and I have had to replace my dishwasher once, my over the stove microwave twice and hopefully that's all. My new dishwasher is a Midea and I can't complain one bit. I am very impressed so far.

So I hope that I don't hit anymore bumps in the road this year or at least for a while.

Supper is looking really good tonight. My famous Sunday meal, fried chicken mashed potatoes with gravy and green bean casserole. Bellies will be full tonight. Have a great week

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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  
Handicap Accessible

Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099  
**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —**  
**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.

Daycare provided during Worship  
**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
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  
260-375-2811  
office@warrenfirsbaptist.net  
Pastor Mark Joyner  
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
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.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN**  
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

1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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 ages .....9:00 - 9:45  
Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00

Everyone is Welcome  
**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
468-2412

Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
Worship .....9:30 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

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 ... 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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  
765-618-0027  
Pastor Al Soultz

Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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-term success for them and the communities they serve."

Customer Scholarships provide \$1,500 in financial support to children or grandchildren of Farm Credit Mid-America customers pursuing careers connected to agriculture or rural communities. Applicants may attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university, vocational school or trade school.

The Farm Credit Mid-America Scholars program is open to rising college sophomores and juniors majoring in agriculture. Each year, a new cohort of students receive \$5,000 in financial support over two academic years. Scholars also take part in onsite learning and travel experiences focused on leadership development and financial literacy.

"Agriculture is one of the most important fields out there, and it's exciting that there are opportunities like this one that give students the financial resources and professional development they need to succeed," said Shaun Wimberly, recent Farm Credit Mid-America Scholar.

Customer Scholarship applications are due by January 15, 2026. Applications for the Farm Credit Mid-America Scholars program are due by January 31, 2026. Recipients for both programs will be announced in 2026.

To learn more about Farm Credit Mid-America's scholarship programs, including eligibility requirements and application deadlines, or to apply, visit the Scholarships page at <https://www.fcma.com/community/next-generation/collegiate/scholarships>.

YES GRANTS

Attention, Indiana 4-Hers in grades 7-12. Do you have a community service project you would like to implement in your hometown? Apply for a YES (Youth Engaged Service) Grant through the Indiana 4-H Foundation to help fund your idea!

YES Grants offer funds for youth in grades 7-12 across Indiana to complete a service project in their community. The purpose of these grants is to assess the need, then create and execute a youth-led project. You can even invite your friends to join in!

Clubs with members of ALL ages are encouraged to apply with a youth lead who is in 7-12th grade!

While each youth lead will be supervised by an adult, the purpose of these grants is to give 4-H youth firsthand leadership and project management experience.

Adults may advise, but youth need to take ownership of their project by completing their application, filling out their budget sheet, and compiling their final report with minimal adult intervention.

We also encourage group participation in the service projects, including younger children who may want to lead their own project one day!

The 2026 YES Grants application will be live on January 15 and will remain open until midnight on March 15. Grants will be selected by mid-April, and final project reports will be due at the end of the year. The application portal and documents will be liked at [in4h.org/grants](https://in4h.org/grants).

Email our YES Grants committee with any questions at [yesgrants@in4h.org](mailto:yesgrants@in4h.org).

PHOTO CONTEST OPENS

The annual Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) photo contest has started, and the deadline for entering is Friday, April 3.

Open to photographers of any age and skill level, the contest has been held since 2005 to promote Indiana's historic resources.

All structures in photo entries must be at least 50 years old and in Indiana but don't have to be fully restored. Photos of exclusively natural elements will not be accepted.

Photos must have been taken within the last two

years. There are five categories to submit photographs: Color, Black & White, Altered, Kids (under 18), and resources found along the National Road in Indiana, the theme of Historic Preservation Month. This year is the semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and DHPA will be recognizing the first federally funded highway and the historic Hoosier communities along it as part of the celebration.

Each photographer may enter up to three images along with the required respective entry form for each photo. Entries should be emailed to [DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov) and must be JPEG files 10MB or smaller. Participants should only send one photo and one entry form per email.

For complete rules and guidelines and for the required entry form, see [on.IN.gov/preservation-month](https://on.IN.gov/preservation-month) and click on "Historic Preservation Month Photo Contest" near the top of the screen.

Follow the DNR Instagram account (@indianadnr) in May where, for a week, the DHPA will feature selected photos along with contest winners to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month.

SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

Adam McCarty of Liberty Center has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3,700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

SNHU is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers

approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

SAFETY RECALLS

With the end of the holiday season, Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on Hoosiers to check recently purchased items and gifts for safety recalls and take immediate action if they own any products listed.

"During this busy season, recalled products can be easily overlooked," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "A quick review of these recalls can spare your family unnecessary worry and prevent a defective gift from causing real harm."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports the following products were recalled in December:

Children's Products:  
\* 14-ounce Children's Sport Tumbler: The rivets on the handle can come loose, causing the handle to detach, posing a choking hazard for children; sold at Academy Sports, Scheels, Combined Sales Company, Gordons Ace Hardware, Bucks Ace, Kents Grocery, Basin Sports and online at [Hydrojug.com](https://hydrojug.com),

Amazon.com, Well.ca and iHerb.com.

\* Uuoeebb Infant Walkers: Violates the mandatory standard for infant walkers because they can fit through a standard doorway and fail to stop at the edge of a step, posing a deadly fall hazard; walkers also have leg openings that allow the child to slip down until the child's head can become entrapped, posing a risk of serious injury or death; sold online on Amazon.com.

\* YCXXKJ Baby Bath Seats: The product violates the mandatory standard for infant bath seats because they are unstable and can tip over while in use, posing a risk of serious injury or death due to drowning; sold online on Amazon.com.

Children's Toys:  
\* CreateOn Crayola-branded pip-Cubes: The recalled magnetic building cubes contain magnets that can become loose if the seams separate, posing an ingestion hazard to children, which could result in perforations, twisting, and/or blockage of the intestines, blood poisoning and death; the 24-piece sets were sold at Michael's Stores nationwide and online at [Michaels.com](https://michaels.com) and the 27-piece sets were sold online at Amazon.com.

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**Warren Law Enforcement**  
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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.

Jan 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jan 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 9	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Feb 10	6:30p	W - Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting @ KBC
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 16		PRESIDENT'S Day
Feb 16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Feb 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall

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

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\* Cubimana Treehouse Building Toy Sets: Contains button cell batteries that can be easily accessed by children and when button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death; sold online on Shein.com.

\* Little Bear 2-pack Soother Clip: The wooden button on the soother clips can come off, exposing a sharp screw, which can pose choking and laceration hazards; sold at Primark stores located in the northeast and in Florida, Maryland and Illinois.

\* Meaicezli Play Purse Sets: The children's toy violates the mandatory standard for toys because the toy cell phone contains button cell batteries and the toy tablet contains a lithium coin battery that can be easily accessed by children, and when button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns and death; sold on Amazon.com.

\* Primark Water Balloon Pump: The water balloon pump can generate excessive pressure during use, causing the product to rupture, posing a risk of physical injury to the user or bystanders; sold at Primark stores in the northeast and in Florida, Maryland and Illinois.

\* SKCAIHT Children's Little Mermaid Costumes: The children's costumes contain a prohibited phthalate, which violates the federal phthalates ban, which are toxic and if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects; sold online on Amazon.com.

Electronics:

\* ANNQUAN Power Strips, Models EX-D112-05 and EX-D106-25: The power strips do not contain supplementary overcurrent protection, which creates a risk of fire if the power strips are overloaded and can cause serious injury or death from smoke inhalation and burns; sold online on Amazon.com.

\* INIU BI-B41 Power Banks: The lithium-ion battery in the recalled power banks can overheat and ignite, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers; sold online on Amazon.com.

\* KTEBO Writing Tablet Toy: The screw used to secure the battery compartment that contains a button cell battery does not remain attached as required and when button cell or coin batteries are swallowed, the ingested batteries can cause serious injuries, internal chemical burns, and death; sold online on Amazon.com.

Fitness and Tools:

\* AMP MP2 Smart Fitness Machine: The arm on the MP2 model of the fitness machine does not lock properly, which can allow the arm to swing unexpectedly, posing a risk of laceration or serious injury; sold online at Ampfit.com.

\* G0815 15" 3HP Heavy-Duty Planers: The chip breaker can contact the cutterhead blades during use, which can cause debris to be ejected from the planer, posing impact and laceration hazards to the user and bystanders; sold at Bibb Tool & Cutter, Hamilton Tool and Supply, PMC Tool Company and Stoll Brothers Lumber stores and other hardware stores nationwide and online at Grizzly.com, HomeDepot.com, Tractor Supply.com and MaxTool.com and other websites.

Furniture and Accessory:

\* 17 Stories Furniture 18-Drawer Dressers: The recalled dressers are unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing serious tip-over and entrapment hazard that can result in injuries or death to children; sold online on Wayfair.com.

\* Casaottima 13-Drawer Dressers: Product is unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in a risk of serious injuries or death to children; sold online on Amazon.com.

\* Electra Chandelier and Electra Three Tier Chandelier light fixtures: The component that connects the recalled chandelier light fixture to the ceiling mount is not threaded properly and the fixture can fall unexpectedly, posing a risk of injury from impact; sold at Currey & Company showrooms, lighting stores nationwide, and online.

\* FUFU and GAGA White Wood Frame Queen Size Murphy Wall Beds: During assembly or disassembly, the 215-pound frame of the wall bed can fall onto consumers, posing deadly impact, crush, and laceration hazards; sold online on HomeDepot.com and Lowes.com.

\* Furnulem 8-Drawer Dressers: The recalled dressers are unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in serious injuries or death to children; sold online at Amazon.com.

\* JOKOSIS Portable Bed Rails: The recalled bed rails violate the mandatory standard for

adult portable bed rails because when the bed rails are attached to a bed, users can become entrapped within the bed rail or between the bed rail and the side of the mattress, posing a serious entrapment hazard and risk of death by asphyxiation and the bed rails do not bear the required hazard warning labels; sold online at Amazon.com.

\* KKL Fabric 9-Drawer Dressers: The recalled dressers are unstable if they are not anchored to the wall, posing a serious tip-over and entrapment hazards that can result in injuries or death to children; sold online on Amazon.com.

\* Little Pea Shop Crib Bumpers: Product violates the federal crib bumper ban because they can obstruct an infant's breathing, posing a risk of serious injury or death due to suffocation. This creates an unsafe sleeping environment for infants; sold online on littlepeashop.com.

\* VEVOR Garment Steamers: Product can leak or spit hot water, posing a risk of serious burn injury to users and bystanders, and the water tank cap can also leak or detach during use, exposing users to hot water; sold online on Vevor.com, Amazon.com and HomeDepot.com.

\* Vevor Ice Crushers: The ice crusher can experience a thermal event and ignite, posing a fire hazard; sold

online on Vevor.com, Amazon.com, Walmart.com, Wayfair.com, HomeDepot.com and Lowes.com.

Health and Beauty Products:

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### HINER

Charles (Charlie) Raymond Hiner, 88 of Warren, passed from this life into glory on January 4, 2026, after an extended illness.

Charlie was born on October 12, 1937, in Huntington, to Ira Verne and Mary (Hoover) Hiner. He attended Lancaster Township High School, class of 1955. He was a member of the United States Navy from 1955 to 1961 and a member of Amity Lodge #483 of Huntington, the Scottish Rite, and the Shriners. Charlie was a man of faith who attended several different churches during his lifetime, including Northview Church of Christ, Markle Church of Christ, and Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo. In his final years, he attended The Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Charlie married the love of his life, Shirley Guthier Allred, on July 31, 1976. They resided in Huntington, Angola, Crown Point, and Fort Wayne, before settling in Warren in 2023. Charlie retired in 2000 after forty three years of truck driving mostly with Essex Wire and Consolidated Freight, he continued to occasionally transport motor homes across the country during retirement. Charlie was well respected for his strong work ethic and well liked for his charming sense of humor. Charlie had a playful nickname for everyone and he enjoyed various hobbies. He was a skilled woodworker, a gifted landscaper, and a versatile handyman. Through a few of his building projects, he developed strong lasting friendships with several Amish families. Above all, he was a godly man, a faithful husband to Shirley for forty nine years, and a selfless and caring father.

Charlie is survived by his wife Shirley Hiner of Warren, a daughter: Lucretia Hiner of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters: Barbara Stoffel and Carolyn (Russell) Walberry of Huntington; four stepsons: Steve (Arlene) Allred and Tom (Cindy) Allred both of Huntington, Greg (Nikki) Allred of Fort Wayne, and Brian (Stacey) Allred of Yorktown. He is also survived by twenty grandchildren and twenty eight great grandchildren, along with numerous nephews and nieces.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Verne and Mary Hiner, three sisters: Dorothy Andrew, Marjorie Tubbs and Crystal Essex; two brothers: Homer Hiner and Earl Hiner; two sons: Perry Hiner and Kevin Hiner, and two stepsons: Phillip Allred and Douglas Allred.

There will be no public services at this time.

The Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel is privileged to serve the Hiner family during this time of loss.

Memorial donations can be made out to Stillwater Hospice and can be sent in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### MEFFERD

Pastor Lynn E. Mefferd, 86, of Huntington, passed away at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

He was born on April 8, 1939, in Tully Township, Ohio, the son of Floyd Mefferd and Ruth (Weisman) Mefferd.

Pastor Lynn graduated from Pleasant Mills High School - Class of 1957.

He married Betty Jean Myers on June 11, 1961, in Monroe.

Pastor Lynn graduated from Huntington College in 1965 and from Huntington College Theological Seminary in 1968.

He started his pastoral ministry and missionary work in 1961.

Pastor Lynn spent 10 years in Sierra Leone, West Africa as a missionary.

He retired in 2004 as a Senior Pastor at Dillman United Brethren in Christ Church, Warren.

Pastor Lynn was then a Pastor of Congregational Care at New Hope United Brethren in Christ Church, Huntington.

He had a servant's heart and especially enjoyed caring for the people of his church congregations.

Pastor Lynn was a member of College Park United Brethren in Christ Church.

He enjoyed reading books and singing songs to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pastor Lynn also enjoyed fishing, golfing, watching sports on TV, camping, traveling, doing puzzles and eating ice cream.

He loved to sing in church.

Pastor Lynn enjoyed waking his daughters in the mornings with song.

Survivors include his loving wife, Betty Jean Mefferd, of Huntington; three daughters, Deborah (Ron) Cherry, of Huntington,

Joanne (Rob) Brannon, of Nibley, Utah, and Cheryl (Joe) Pettibone, of Monroe; nine grandchildren, Sarah (Matt) Wright, Matthew (Lee) Cherry, Laura (Dex) White, Hannah (Steve) Isbell, Heidi (Jake) Pearson, Josiah (Amanda) Brannon, Luke (Maggie) Brannon, Brianna (Keagan) Yoder and Hallie (Aiden) Kuntz; his great-grandchildren, Lydia Wright, Lucy Wright; Ellie Isbell, Adelyn Isbell, Levi Isbell, Kolton Yoder and Kiara Yoder.

Pastor Lynn is preceded in death by his mother, Ruth M. Mefferd, father, Floyd L. Mefferd, brother, Ronald E. Mefferd, and traveling on many trips.

granddaughter, Mikayla Pettibone. Doc will be remembered as a kind, gentle, quiet man.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, at College Park United Brethren in Christ Church, 1945 College Ave., Huntington, with Pastor Ryan, of Warren; brother, Jason Carter officiating. Jack Trosper (wife, Barbara), of Warren; two grandsons; several nieces and nephews.

There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Private family burial will follow at 3 p.m. in IOOF Cemetery, Convoy, Ohio.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Pastor Lynn to the UB Global, 302 Lake St., Huntington, IN or College Park United Brethren in Christ Church in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

Private interment will take place at Brookside Cemetery, Montpelier.

Memorials may be sent to Albany United Methodist Church, 125 N. Broadway, Albany, IN 47320 or "Doc," died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, at home following an illness.

Born in Hartford City on

December 27, 1946, he

grew up in Blackford County.

Doc was a 1966 graduate of Montpelier High School.

He worked at 3M, Hartford City, for 45 years before retiring in 2013.

Doc also was an auctioneer in his working years.

He was a member of Albany United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and attended Bible study.

As a boy, Doc belonged to the Nazarene Church, Montpelier.

He then served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War.

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Following his military service, Bill owned and operated Atkins Service Station and The Super Scoop.

He also farmed and raised livestock.

Bill was a member of Masonic Lodge.

He also was a long-time First Assistant Chief of Center Township Fire Department.

Bill served on Eastbrook School Board for many years.

He enjoyed hunting and cooking.

After retirement, Bill loved to travel with his wife.

More than anything, he was a dedicated family man who loved seeing his family tree grow over the years.

Bill loved his wife dearly and couldn't wait to be with her again.

He is survived by his children, George D. (Vicki) Atkins, of Marion, Randall L. (Diane Vande Voorde) Atkins, of Fairmount, and Shari K. Atkins, of Noblesville; grandchildren, George Caleb (Courtney) Atkins, Christopher Shea Atkins, Amber (Bradley) Dillon, Bradley (Brittany) Atkins, Shelby R. Poe and Shauncey (Ryan) Lopez; grandson-in-law, Timothy Jay Poling; great-grandchildren, Cody, Catelynn, Cobee, Cooper, Camyron, Cayeleigh, Gus, Grace, Allison, Kaden, Brooklyn, Alex, Ryan, Elizabeth and Bridger; great-great-grandchildren, Lincoln and Aubrey; as well as several nieces, nephews and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, George D. and Gwendolyn Atkins, wife, Elizabeth Ann Atkins, granddaughter, Amy Jo Poling, sister, Jane A. Korporal, daughters-in-law, Resa Breithaupt Atkins and Deanna Atkins, as well as his beloved dog, Jed.

The family will have a private time of visitation and service to honor Bill's life.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, IN 46952 or Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952.

### REUST

Joe Reust Jr., 68, of Huntington, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

He was born on May 17, 1957, in Huntington to the late Alfred J. and Mary A. (Smart) Reust Sr.

Joe married Pamela J. Holthaus on September 18, 1982. She survives and resides in Huntington.

He was a 1975 graduate of Huntington North High School.

Joe was a printer and journey pressman for many years at Noll Printing, Mignone and EP Graphics.

He also worked at Slater Steel.

Joe was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington, 1st degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1014, and a Boy Scout leader.

Along with his wife, Pam, he is survived by four sons, Andy (Darby) Reust, of Liberty Township, Ohio, Matt (Tara) Reust, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Scott (Meaggie) Reust, of South Bend, and Sean Reust, of Warren; five grandchildren, Cora, Ethan, Aria, Eleanor and Noah; two brothers, Timothy (Audrey) Reust, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and

Brian (Karen) Reust, of Huntington.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 3:30 p.m. at McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington.

Additional calling hours will be on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by the Mass of Christian Burial and 11 a.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father Tony Steinacker presiding.

Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to HAT (Huntington Area Transportation) or Boy Scouts of America in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington.

### COLLINS

Agnes L. Collins, 97, a longtime resident of Liberty Center, passed away on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

She was born on November 5, 1928, in Huntington County to Harmon and Flora K. (Gephert) Warpup.

Agnes lived in Huntington County.

She attended West Union School.

On September 9, 1949, Agnes and Winfred Collins were married in Huntington. The couple moved to Liberty Center in 1952.

She was a homemaker and raised their children.

Agnes was a longtime member of Liberty Center United Methodist Church, now Liberty Center Community Church.

Survivors include her children, Joseph L. (Mary) Collins, of Bluffton, Deborah (Mike) Coleman,

of Poneto, and David J. (Diana) Collins, of Liberty Center.

Agnes was a loving grandma to several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by two sisters-in-law.

Agnes is preceded in death by her parents, Harmon and Flora Warpup, her husband, Winfred Collins, in 2007, six sisters and three brothers.

Private family services will be followed by burial at Mossburg Cemetery, Liberty Center.

Instead of flowers, please send memorials to Heartland Hospice or American Cancer Society through the funeral home.

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\* Fat Tire Trikes: The trike frame can develop a hairline fracture near a weld, which can cause the tubes to separate, posing fall and laceration hazards; sold at Pedego stores nationwide and online at PedegoElectricBikes.com.

\* Model Year 2026 Trek-branded Domane+ ALR 5, Domane+ ALR 6 AXS, Checkpoint+ SL 6 and Checkpoint+ SL 7 Electric Bicycles: The bolts on the chainring can come loose, causing the chainring to separate from the bike, resulting in a fall or crash hazard to the user; sold at independent bicycle retailers and Trek authorized retailers nationwide and online.

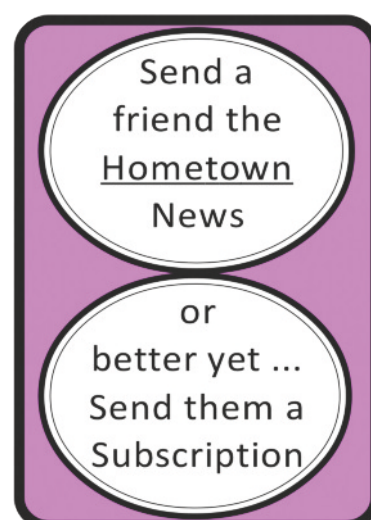
\* SereneLife brand 48-inch and taller above-ground pools: The compression strap that surrounds the outside of the pool legs may create a foothold, allowing a child access to the pool, posing a drowning hazard; sold online on Amazon.com, Walmart.com, Wayfair.com,

Target.com and the SereneLife website (serenelifehome.com).

\* Schwinn Ovation Bicycle Child Carriers: The buckles securing the restraints around the child can be released during use, posing a fall hazard; sold online at Amazon.com and schwinnbikes.com

\* TopHomer Pool Drain Covers: The recalled drain covers violate the entrapment protection standards of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGBA), posing entrapment and drowning hazards to swimmers and bathers; sold online at Amazon.com.

\* X-Pro Eagle 40cc Youth ATVs and FRP Sahara 40cc Youth ATVs: Product violates the mandatory ATV safety standard, ATVs' mechanical suspension fails to comply with safety requirements, posing a crash hazard, the handlebars pose a laceration hazard, if the child rider's body or head impacts the handlebars at high speed and pose a risk of serious injury or death; sold online at X-Pro Eagle 40cc Youth ATVs were sold online at Walmart.com,





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