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Thought for the Week: One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar. Helen Keller

PHOTO CONTEST

Get out your cameras and find your favorite historic destination because DHPA's annual Preservation Month photo contest has begun.

The annual contest, run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), has been held since 2005 to promote Indiana's historic resources. All subjects of photos must be at least 50 years old, in Indiana, and must include man-made or designed elements. Photos of exclusively natural elements will not be accepted.

Photos can be black and white or color and must have been taken within the last two years. Each photographer may enter up to three images, and an entry form is required for each photo. Images should be emailed to aborland@dnr.IN.gov and must be JPEG files that are 10mb or smaller. Participants will only be able to send one photo and one entry form per email.

For complete rules and guidelines and for the required entry form, see dnr.IN.gov/historic/2800.htm. The contest deadline is April 2.

Follow the DNR Instagram account (@indianadnr) in May. DHPA will be taking over for a week and featuring selected photos along with contest winners.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SELECTING YOUR TAX PREPARER - KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

With individual income tax season just around the corner, the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) wants to help Hoosiers feel confident in who they partner with to prepare and submit their tax returns.

"Paying for professional services to prepare a tax return is a very common practice and can help many Hoosiers during tax season," advised DOR Commissioner Bob Grennes. "There are many tax professionals that will provide quality advice and service. Taking a few simple steps will help you hire one who will serve you well."

DOR offers several tips on choosing a tax preparer:

Confirm the preparer's service fee before the return is prepared. Avoid preparers who base their fee on the expected refund amount.

Ask the preparer for references and check their professional credentials. Ask friends or family who have previously used the preparer if they were satisfied with the services provided.

Check to see if the preparer has any complaints with the Better Business Bureau, the state's board of accountancy for CPAs or the state's bar association for attorneys.

Research to see if the preparer belongs to a

professional organization that holds members accountable to a code of ethics and requires members to pursue continuing education.

Ask if the preparer has a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which has been required to file federal tax returns since 2011.

Avoid any preparer who makes overly optimistic claims about obtaining a larger refund over other preparers, especially if they have not fully reviewed your tax documents.

Take time to fully review all documents and ask questions before signing the return. Avoid tax preparers who ask you to sign blank tax forms. Remember, the individual whose name is on the tax return is who is legally responsible for what is included, even if the return is prepared or completed by a third-party.

Use a tax professional who provides a copy of the completed return to the you for your records.

"A reputable tax preparer will ask multiple questions to determine which deductions or credits you may qualify for, and instruct you to keep careful and complete records to confirm the information contained on your tax return," added Commissioner Grennes. "They will also sign the return with their PTIN."

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2021

The Warren Pharmacy has Calendars for 2021. There are two choices of the 2021 Appointment/Wall Calendar.

The Art of the Holy Land and the Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Each Calendar starts with December 2020 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so you can start your day with one piece of Good News! These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

3 THINGS WARREN PARENTS DON'T WANT TO MISS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Yes, it's January, not June, and you may feel like you're finally settling into a routine during a challenging school year. But as the saying goes, "The secret to getting ahead is getting started." Despite the disruptions of COVID-19, January is the ideal time to check in with your child about your school choice and start planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

That's why National School Choice Week takes place the last week of January. Each year, the public awareness

effort features thousands of independently-planned community activities that help parents in Warren and across the nation learn more about school choices and prep for the next school year.

As families and teachers in Indiana celebrate the Week with 925 virtual events and activities, don't miss doing these three things to start planning now for an extraordinary school year:

First, talk to your child. You see your child every day and know what makes them happy, nervous, or inspired. But make time during School Choice Week to speak with your child about their current school experience. What are they learning? What would they change? What are they doing when they feel happiest?

If you talk to other parents about their school choice, remember: What's important to you and your child in a school may be different than what's important to your neighbor—and that's okay. One family may prioritize a school's location; another may consider a school's language offerings or extracurriculars more important. Be confident in what matters most to you and your child in a school.

Second, know your options. You might know your child better than anyone else, but you may not know all the school options in your area.

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Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Flemming

This week is catch up week on the year end books for the cemetery and the personnel household. Tax time is right around the corner and life gets really busy. So I like those prep and throw in the oven and forget recipes and just when I forget, the smell from the oven starts to fill the house and it smells so good. Unless I really forget and the smell starts to go hand in hand with the smoke detector. Lol Hey, I'm honest I've burnt supper a few times to many, but we choke it down. Just another reason for a midnight snack later.

My favorite winter time recipes are those that are cooked in the oven. It helps heat the house and like I said the aroma of the cooking item and the one pot meals are great especially when I'm busy. In the winter we all need some comfort food. It just makes the winter blues a little easier to handle. So I have a favorite recipe that can be served as a week night meal, but can also be served as a Sunday noon meal for when the kids or extended family are visiting. I've probably shared this recipe before in my mom's column back a few years ago, but it's a goodie and will share again.

Herbed rump roast or pot roast

- 3 to 4 # rump roast or chuck roast 1 tsp. marjoram
- 2 tbsp. oil 1 tsp. thyme
- 1c. chopped onions 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp. beef bouillon or 2 cubes 1 clove garlic

In a skillet brown roast in oil on all sides of meat. Place in a oven safe pan and add the herbs, onions, garlic and about 2 to 3 c. of water and the bouillon. Roast till the meat is done to your liking. I say this cause some like it well done some don't, in this house we are medium to medium rare on beef. But it really depends how much time you want it to cook, slow cook of 250 for 3 to 4 hours or 350 for approx. 1 hour. If its getting too brown, tent it with foil to keep from over browning.

There is a 2nd part to this recipe that creates a pot roast. Add potatoes, more onions if you like, whole baby carrots, and chunked celery, to the roast before placing in the oven. When I do the pot roast I usually get out the blue granite roaster and put it all together in it and cover with the lid. Remember to remove the bay leaf so no one eats it.

I like to serve the pot roast with dinner rolls and a dessert. If you are just making the rump roast, there is many things that go with it as far as a side. Mashed potatoes, roasted red potatoes, and just about any vegetable you can think of would go good. Get creative. I'm sure if it sounds good when your making the sides, I'm sure it will be. Enjoy.

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AREA NEWS

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Here in Indiana, there are a variety of educational options available including: traditional public schools with open enrollment at the discretion of each district, charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online learning, and homeschooling. Parents in Indiana can take tax deductions for private school or homeschool expenses, and families under a certain income level can qualify for state-run scholarships for private schools.

If reading this helped you learn something new about education options in your area, share that knowledge. A simple conversation with a neighbor about school options could transform their child's life.

Third, find and celebrate your community.

Starting in January gives you plenty of time to consider new schools. Even if you're not sure a school is for you, learning more via a call or visit may surprise you. Look for what seems to motivate the students and teachers. Is it an environment you could see your child thriving in?

Or, maybe you already love your current school and plan to stay. If so, use this time and your child's feedback to make a simple plan to truly invest in your school choice. Maybe you'll volunteer at the school once a month. Maybe you'll supplement classroom learning with monthly museum trips, or use Khan Academy one evening a week to help your child's fill in their weak spots in math.

At the end of the day, navigating the K-12 education process is an adventure—celebrate it! Use School Choice Week to spread positivity about your school on social media or send a thank you note to a teacher. Spreading positivity can start a domino effect, reminding teachers of their love for education and inspiring other parents to be more engaged.

A child's learning environment is one of the single-biggest influencers of their life, and it's worth

putting in the time to find a great school fit. Whether it's finding a new school or showering your current school with love, now is the time to start deciding what school choices to make next.

A nationally recognized advocate for children and families, Andrew R. Campanella serves as president of National School Choice Week, the world's largest-annual celebration of opportunity in education.

A TRIP TO EUROPE DAYS 1 & 2

By Larry Ryan

This trip occurred thirty years ago. My recollection of events and time table will have jet-lag and memory lag included. My wife and I were invited by our foreign exchange student, Caroline and her parents to visit them in their home country, Spain. This student lived with us in the Plainfield, IN area during the high school year of 1985-86.

It was a modest adjustment for our family to house a stranger for eleven months. Caroline was pleasant much of the time, but seemed unhappy and kept to herself at other times. It was disappointing that she and our daughter were not kindred friends, but that can happen. A few interesting memories that I recall about her are: to mail a letter, she would ask us to "post" it and

when we took her to a Kenny Rogers (she pronounced it Ro-g-hers) concert, she was sure that he sang, "Sweet Caroline" directly to her. She was unhappy when we had her accompany us to Butler Fieldhouse for the filming of the final scene in the movie, "Hoosiers." Her subdued demeanor was on display while sitting in the crowd of rehearsed, excited spectators. But I am relatively sure that when she returned to Madrid, her friends definitely heard about her role in the American movie!

Now, let us commence with this first overseas trip. We left Indianapolis on July 30, 1990. Our first stop was at Dallas, TX. What? We were going in the wrong direction. The reason that I knew that was because of my geography studies in school! The pilot was obviously confused. We were forced to leave the airplane by the attendants and eventually onto a much larger one. Awaiting the three hour layover, we asked the American Airlines desk agent for aisle seats. After seeing our Airlines Customer Card, she upgraded us to Business Class seats. How nice!

Our American Airlines flight #78 left Dallas at 8:10 pm. The intended flight pathway carried us right back over Indianapolis and towards Ottawa, Canada. The inflight evening meal lasted until midnight with several courses being served to take up as much time as possible. Next came a movie, "Opportunity Knocks." Breakfast was served at 3:30 am. Afterwards, we slept for a short while before crossing the Irish coastline. It was my first sighting of the "Old Country!" As a kid from a small town, I never dreamed that I would be this adventuresome. We landed at London's Gatwick Airport at 5 am. US time, which was five hours later locally. Upon exiting the aircraft, we were greeted by police wearing bullet-proof vests and carrying what appeared to me as machine guns while walking in pairs in the terminal. We avoided eye contact with Security and marched directly to Customs. I was wide awake now! Lack of sleep was completely forgotten. We had made plans to stay in London and travel to Ireland before flying on to Spain. Our Plainfield friends who had a job transfer to Ireland had recommended a place to stay in Hayes, Middlesex neighborhood of London. We took the Jet-Link Green Line Bus to Heathrow Airport which cost us 8 pounds (L) of British currency or about \$10 US. After obtaining a Visitor Travel Card, we hailed a Black Cab which took us to our overnight accommodations in Church Street in Hayes. This

ride cost us L 8.40. The guest house owner told us that we had been "taken." The cab fee should have only been L 4.20.

Next, we informed our bodies that we were now on London time and to forget about sleeping away the rest of the day. It was only a two block walk to the nearest bus stop where we caught bus # 90 to Hatton Cross Station. It was here that we picked up our most valuable travel item! It was labeled the "Underground Journey Planner," which was a color-coded map of London's "Tube"—the underground, electric railway system. With it, you simply cannot get lost in that huge city.

At Hatton Cross Station, we descended to our first "Tube" ride. The travel card worked and we were onboard the Piccadilly Line. Our destination was Victoria Station and sight-seeing. The Piccadilly Line railway cars passed several stations while on the way to the Green Park Station where we changed to the Victoria Line. The next stop was Victoria Station. We ascended the steps and walked around while viewing the "Big Ben" clock tower, the Queen's Garden, and Westminster Cathedral. Suddenly, we realized that mealtime had bypassed us, so we indulged in a British hamburger which looked normally American. From

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there it was back-tracking on the "Tube" and bus to the Fountain House. Our room was upstairs in a separate building. It was not fancy, but adequate for L 42/day. More tomorrow.

PRE-RETIRES: PLAN NOW FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS

If you're close to retirement, you'll have several financial issues to consider. But you'll want to pay attention to one of the most important of these issues: health care costs. How can you prepare yourself for these expenses?

First, get an early start on estimating health care costs. More than two-thirds of those planning to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health and long-term care costs will be in retirement, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And some people don't worry much about these costs, which may be considerable, thinking that Medicare will pay for most of them.

While Medicare does cover many medical expenses, it also has its own costs. You probably won't pay a premium for Part A (inpatient/hospital coverage), since you likely had this cost deducted from your paycheck when you were working. But if you are hospitalized, you'll have to pay deductibles and coinsurance (the percentage of costs you pay after you've paid your deductible). Part B (doctor's visits) requires a premium, deducted from your Social Security checks, and you must pay an out-of-pocket deductible. After you meet this deductible for the year, you typically pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for most doctor's services. And when you enroll in Part D (prescription drug plan), you will likely also have to pay a monthly premium, an annual deductible and coinsurance or copays.

To help pay for the Medicare deductible, coinsurance and copayments, you may want

to get supplemental insurance, known as Medigap. Premiums for Medigap vary, depending on the plan you choose.

As an alternative to original Medicare, you could select Medicare Advantage (sometimes called Part C). Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private companies approved by Medicare, but the benefits and costs vary by plan. These plans generally will incorporate Medicare Parts A and B and will provide additional medical coverage, such as prescription drugs.

When you incorporate all the above, the annual out-of-pocket costs for traditional medical expenses likely will be about \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person – not insignificant, but certainly a number that can be addressed by careful planning.

But there's one more expense to keep in mind: long-term care. The average cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth. And Medicare typically pays few of these expenses.

Clearly, between regular medical costs associated with Medicare or those not covered by it, and costs resulting from the possible need for long-term care, your health care bills can mount.

To meet these costs, you need to plan ahead – and take action.

For example, it's essential that you incorporate health care expenses into your overall financial strategy. You can also work with a financial professional to run some "what-if" analyses to see if your strategy would be derailed by a potential long-term care stay. And the professional you work with may be able to suggest specific protection vehicles that can help you meet the costs of long-term care.

The best time to prepare for your health care costs during retirement is well before you retire. So, if you haven't already started, now is the time to do so. When it comes to paying for health care, the fewer surprises, the better.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Nicole Johnson, Edward Jones, Member SIPC

5 TIPS TO PROTECT SENIORS FROM FINANCIAL SCAMS RIGHT NOW

(StatePoint) Social isolation among seniors is not only linked to numerous negative health consequences like depression and cardiovascular disease, but it's also a primary contributing factor in financial exploitation and scams. Estimated to affect one in 10 older adults and cost billions annually, the

threat of elder financial fraud is pervasive, and especially so right now.

With seniors more isolated than ever due to the pandemic and stimulus checks being sent to millions of Americans nationwide, experts suggest that seniors and their families be extra vigilant.

"Scammers look for key time periods where money and private financial information are in motion. Not only is IRS fraud one of the most common and successful types of scams that exists, as a general rule, additional money equates to additional fraud," says Ron Long, head of Aging Client Services at Wells Fargo.

"Scammers are banking on the fact that many seniors are apart from families and friends due to COVID-19. When someone is alone, physically or socially, they often miss out on the added benefit of a second pair of eyes and ears."

Compounding the risks associated with isolation is the number of seniors who feel their chances of falling victim to a financial scam is unlikely. According to a

recent Wells Fargo study conducted by The Harris Poll, 69 percent of all seniors age 60 and above believe they're not likely to be susceptible to a financial scam, despite nearly all seniors (97 percent) acknowledging that older people are very or somewhat susceptible to becoming a victim. When asked about their peers, the poll found that 47 percent of all seniors knew someone who had already fallen victim to a scam.

"The results indicate what most of us want -- the ability to age relatively unaffected from the realities associated with aging," says Dr. Marti DeLiema, a gerontologist and consultant for Wells Fargo's Aging Client Services. "The problem is that when someone doesn't feel they're at risk, they're unlikely to take precaution."

To better protect seniors from elder financial fraud and abuse, consider these tips from Wells Fargo:

1. Don't wait for a crisis. Seniors should speak with trustworthy family members about financial plans, as well

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BARTON

Ruth (Penn) Barton, 92, went to her eternal home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 8, 2021.



She was born in Neptune, New Jersey, to Ross and Beatrice Penn on April 26, 1928. She lived the first 50 years of her life near the Jersey Shore, raising her family, breeding basset and bloodhound show dogs, and enjoying careers in teaching and social services.

In 1978, Ruth moved to Upland, IN, to be near her daughters' families and to restore a historic Victorian home that soon became known as The Pineapple Post House. Ruth opened her home to friends, the community and Taylor University families who enjoyed the hospitality of her open houses and bed and breakfast. Ruth enjoyed making many new friends as she worked at the Hostess House in Marion, the Upland United Methodist Church, Jay County Hospital as Director of Volunteers, and the Marion-Grant Co. Senior Center as its first executive director.

Ruth loved nothing more than following her three grandchildren in school activities and sports and helping her daughter, Sally, raise her AKC pointer show dogs. Ruth's artistic talent was evident in her many creations of beautiful dolls, Santas, and stained-glass pieces. Ruth was an avid antique collector and restorer of all things broken or discarded. She had an eye to see the beauty in everything, and she took on her project challenges just as she did the challenges of life: with courage, grace, and the strength of the Lord. Her favorite hymn was "Great is Thy Faithfulness." The evidence of God's mercies was new to her every morning and the Lord's compassion and promises never failed her.

Ruth lived in her Upland home until 2014 when she moved to Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. She appreciated her friends from the Upland United Methodist Church, Westview Wesleyan Church, and New Hope Baptist Church who continued to keep in touch with her in her new home.

Ruth will be dearly missed by her two daughters: Carol Barton Tropf (Nate) of Upland, IN; and Sally A. Barton of Richmond, IN; three grandchildren: Shannon Tropf Juneja (Mukul) of Fort Collins, CO; Lauren Tropf Rees (Brian) of Indianapolis, IN; and Jay Tropf (Tammy) of Dacula, GA; four great-grandchildren: Sonya and Savannah Rees and Landon and Paxton Tropf.

A private family memorial service will be held with a future burial in Waretown, NJ. The family deeply appreciates the attentive and loving nursing care provided by the staff on 1A and 1B of Heritage Pointe, the ministry of Heritage Pointe chaplains, and the Visiting Nurse Hospice Staff.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, Indiana.

TUCKER

Sandra Tucker, 62, of Lafayette, died unexpectedly on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at her home in Lafayette.

The daughter of Robert and Phyllis (Abbott) Strine, she was born on November 1, 1958, in Hartford City.

She was a 1979 graduate of Blackford High School, Hartford City, and later attended Purdue University, West Lafayette.

Sandra worked for Purdue University for several years as a technical writer and editor.

She is survived by her son, Kevin Tucker, of Warren; two sisters, Beverly Dickey (Terry), of Hartford City, and Karen Pierce (James), of Hoopston, Ill.; three grandchildren: Chad, Tony

and Victoria; four great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Phyllis Strine.

Sandra will be laid to rest at Hartford City Cemetery.

BAUMGARTNER

Victoria Lynn Baumgartner, 63, of Tippecanoe, Ind., passed away Monday morning, Jan. 11, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Victoria was born Aug. 3, 1957, in Bluffton, to Leroy V. Baumgartner and Marybell Kahn Baumgartner. Victoria was a Bluffton High School graduate. She worked at Kitco in Bluffton for almost 30 years.

Victoria is survived by her children, Gabriel Isaac Daniel Baumgartner of Bluffton, Dustin James Victor (Courtney) Baumgartner of Marion, John Michael Dylan Baumgartner of Tippecanoe, and Chastity Kay (Daniel) McFarren-Baumgartner of Bluffton; nine grandchildren, Alyssa Markley, Brendan McFarren, Gabrielle Baumgartner, Joshua Baumgartner, Taylor McFarren, Gavin Baumgartner, Kylie Baumgartner, Jaclyn McFarren, and Izzabella Baumgartner; two great-grandchildren, Lyric and Liam; four brothers, Roy L. Baumgartner of Bluffton, Richard W. (Bonnie) Baumgartner of Warren, Steven R. (Brenda) Baumgartner of Bluffton, and Donald L. (Lora) Baumgartner of Bluffton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Brenda S. Baumgartner.

A private family celebration of Victoria's life will be held Monday, Jan. 18, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Mike Hershey officiating. A private family burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. A public visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends wishing to watch Victoria's service can do so from the safety of their

home using a Zoom meeting. You can login using Zoom meeting ID #878 9042 9645 and you can login after 9:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

Memorials may be made in Victoria's name to the family to assist in final expenses.

HORNER

S. Michael "Mike" Horner, age 79 of Marion, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at home.

Mike was born on December 14, 1941 in Greensburg, Indiana the son of the late Joseph and Alice (Motsch) Horner. He worked in maintenance at Singer Controls in North Manchester and in production at Chrysler Corporation until his retirement.

Mike loved to play music and he could play anything. He was a bass and keyboard player in "Chuck and the Playboys", the "Roadrunners" and several other bands. He also loved animals especially Old English Sheepdogs.

He is survived by his life companion, Doris O'Dell of Marion; a son, Chris (Kim) Chinchak of Monroe; three daughters, Linda Horn of Van Buren, Amy (Chad) Clark of Monroe, and Kendra (Mike) Swisher of Greentown; a brother, Joseph B. (Sylvia) Horner of Fortville; a sister, Patricia A. Hale of Upland; 8 grandchildren, Brittney (Jeffrey) Williams, Megan (Patrick) Horn, Braden Swisher, Kelton Swisher, Emma Chinchak, Nicholas Chinchak, Faith Clark and Caleb Clark; and 3 great-grandchildren, TayVeon Banks, and Jeffrey and Bri'Anna Williams.

He was also preceded in death by a brother and his wife, Robert and Linda Horner; a nephew, Christopher King; and his step-mother, Ruth Horner.

Friends and family may call from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2021 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Funeral Services will begin at noon with Pastor Greg Horner officiating.

Burial will follow funeral services in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953.

WELSH

Daniel Stanton Welsh, 79, of Bluffton, passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 14, 2021, at the Markle Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Daniel was born March 4, 1941, in Bluffton to Kenneth Abner Welsh and Ester Smith Welsh. He was a 1960 graduate of Bluffton High School.

He worked at Fruehauf from 1963 to 1981 and the Foundry from 1983 to 2003. He worked at Walmart from 2004 until his retirement in 2012. Daniel loved to fish, bowl and take his fully restored truck to car shows. He loved taking care of his horses and dogs, especially his boxers. He enjoyed telling jokes and playing tricks on family and friends. He attended Life Church in Bluffton for the last 10 years.

Daniel and Floneta J. Thompson were married in Bluffton Feb. 23, 1963.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Floneta J. Welsh; his children, Kathryn J. (Alan) Simon of Celina, Ohio, James A. (Jackie) Welsh of Liberty Center, and Danielle M. Dawn of Warsaw; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Kelly Welsh; five brothers, Jim, Bob, Bill, Tom, and Gene; and a sister, Mariam.

Visitation for Daniel will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home.

A private family service to celebrate Daniel's life will take place following visitation with Pastor Steve Surbaugh officiating. A private family burial will follow the service at Fairview Cemetery.

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SWAIM

Ethel Marie Swaim, 89, of Huntington, died Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Markle Health & Rehabilitation. Ethel was born on July 26, 1931 in Columbia City, the daughter of Clarence Minnick and Florence Minnick. She graduated from Coesse High School with the class of 1949. She retired from Warren Auto Truck Plaza after 30 years of service. She was also a former Cub Scout leader. Ethel enjoyed sewing and was a collector of porcelain pieces. She loved to spend time in her flower garden and harvesting her vegetables for canning. But most of all, spending time with her grandchildren was her favorite thing to do. Survivors include her Son, Jay T. (Earlene) Swaim of Huntington, IN; Sister, Martha Fulk of South Whitley, IN; Brother, Billy (Wilma) Minnick of Coesse, IN; Three Grandsons, Sean (Tami) Swaim of Williamsport, IN, Tim Veatch of Andrews, IN, Tom Veatch of Huntington, IN; Granddaughter, Amy Tackett of Huntington, IN; Three Great Granddaughters, Allisa Beck of Bluffton, IN, Reagan Swaim of Williamsport, IN, Rylie Swaim of Williamsport, IN; Great-Great Granddaughter, Taylor Swaim of Bluffton, IN.

She is preceded in death by her Father, Clarence Minnick, Mother, Florence Minnick, and Son, Jack Swaim.

Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Brunk Conley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials to the Cancer Services of Huntington County, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

PATE

Raymond "Joe" Pate, 73 of Warren, IN, passed away at his home on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

He was born October 9, 1947 in Pontiac Michigan to James and Francis (Hood) Pate. He attended Pontiac Central Schools and worked for the city of Pontiac, MI.

Joe loved his family. He had a knack for finding special things at flea markets to gift to his family. He had a special love for clocks. Joe didn't have much but would give the shirt off his back to anyone who needed it. He was well loved by those who knew him. As his children grew up, their friends fondly called him the "Candy Man" as he was always buying candy for the kids and keeping them well stocked in sugar. He was just as sweet as the candy he supplied. Joe could be described as loving, kind and feisty.

Loving survivors include his sons, Michael Pate of Fort Wayne and Jamie (Sandra Gates) Pate of Warren, grandsons Joseph Pate, David Pate, Cameron Pate, Crishtian Gates, Collin Pate, Celvyn "Bubba" Pate and Caspian "Casper" Pate.

"May you find comfort in the arms of an angel"

Memorial contributions can be made to the family, in care of Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home to help cover funeral expenses.

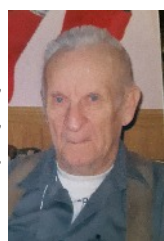
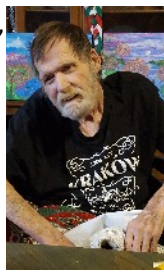
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LANCASTER

Donford Lewis Lancaster, 96, of Poneto, IN, (Chester Twp. Wells Co.) passed away at 9:45 AM on

Friday, January 15, 2021 at his home in Poneto, IN.

He was born on Monday, August 11, 1924, in Chester Twp. Wells County, IN. He



married Genelda F. (Schultz) Lancaster on Thursday, June 1, 1944 in Van Buren, IN.

Donford was a lifetime resident of Wells County, Chester Twp. He was a 1942 graduate of Chester Center High School. He was a Wells County farmer. Donford was Past Master and Gold Card member of the Montpelier Masonic Lodge # 600 F&AM, and Past Patron of Alethia Chapter # 206 order of the Eastern Star. He and his wife Genelda had wintered in Bradenton FL. for many years.

He will be sadly missed by his Wife - Genelda F. (Schultz) Lancaster, Sons - Roger (Bobbie Ann) Lancaster, Montpelier, IN, Mark (Pennie) Lancaster, Poneto, IN, Daughter - Malia (Bill) Schortgen, Poneto, IN, Grandchildren- Michelle (Roger) Ramseyer, Montpelier, IN, John A. Lancaster, Montpelier, IN, Lori (Kenny) Perry, Montpelier, IN, Jon (Christy) Lancaster, Montpelier, IN, Rebecka (Nate) Baker, Montpelier, IN, Holly (Shanon) Ellet, Poneto, IN, Rachel (Randy Bowers) Lancaster, Clarksville, TN, Aaron (Kristen) Schortgen, Poneto, IN, Travis (Emily) Schortgen, Warren, IN, Austin (Sydney) Schortgen, Liberty Center, IN, Christa (Ethan) Potter, Mishawaka, IN, 29 Great Grandchildren, 21 Great Great Grandchildren, Sister - Darlene D. (Jerry) King, Bluffton, IN, and 2 Nieces.

He was preceded in death by his Father - John Edgar Lancaster, Mother - Glenna Vivian (Harris) Lancaster, 1 Grandson, 1 Great Granddaughter, and 1 Niece.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. 47359 on Tuesday January 19, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be a Masonic Service at 7:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Donford's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 1:00 PM on Wednesday January 20, 2021 with Rev. Steve Sutton

officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier.

HALL

The Rev. W. Lloyd Hall, 91, of Hartford City, went to be with the Lord at 9:16 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Landess on July 26, 1929, to Milford Hall and Ada M. (Shoemaker) Hall. His parents preceded him in death.

Lloyd graduated from Van Buren High School in 1947 and graduated from Marion College in 1961. He earned his Master of Divinity from Anderson School of Theology in 1969.

He married Joan A. (Waggie) Hall on September 4, 1949, at Hanfield Methodist Church, Hanfield. She passed away on December 19, 1999.

Lloyd retired from Grace United Methodist Church, Hartford City.

He served as pastor in several churches in Indiana, including Churubusco United Methodist, Point Isabel United Methodist, Summitville United Methodist, Ridgon United Methodist, Epworth United Methodist and Markle United Methodist. He also served as the interim minister at Bethel Center Church of the Brethren, Hartford City.

Lloyd was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Summitville Lions Club, Huntington Exchange Club and Hartford City Rotary Club, where he was the Past Rotary President in 1995 and had just received his 2nd Paul Harris Fellows Award.

He formerly served on the Hartford City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Blackford County United Way Board of Directors and Blackford/Grant County Mental Health Board of Directors.

Lloyd earned the Evangelism Award at the Methodist Annual Conference in 1993 and he was named Hartford City Chamber Man of the Year in 1986.

He was respected in the community and his smile and laugh were contagious. He was a giving man with a heart of gold. He loved his community and it was just in his nature to volunteer to help others. He loved to talk and he was a good listener. He will be missed by people of all ages for he was a true friend to many. He loved to spend time with his family and he loved to watch the Cubs.

Lloyd will be sadly missed by his daughters, Melody L. (husband, Carlos) Pyle, of Sharpsville, Becky L. Joyner, of New Castle, Connie A. (husband, Ken P.) Kurtz, of Summitville, Jill (husband, Mark) Johnson, of Swayzee, and Janelle R. (husband, Willem P.) Van Beek, of Charlotte, N.C.;

grandchildren, David (wife, Sarah) Pyle, Aaron (wife, Katelyn) Pyle, Joy (husband, Brent) Kirby, Lindsey Joyner, Evan Joyner, Eric Kurtz, Kyle Kurtz, Kyndra (husband, John) Ulrich, Kelsey Johnson, Luke Van Beek, Andrew Van Beek and Jakob Van Beek; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Pete Hall. of Marion; special friend, Myra Smith. of Hartford City; several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Milford and Ada, his wife, Joan Hall, sister, Betty Bragg, and brothers, Merrill Hall, Wayne Hall and Melvin Hall.

A Celebration Service of Lloyd's Life will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Grace United Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington

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St., Hartford City. Burial will follow at Hartford City Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at Grace United Methodist Church and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Grace United Methodist Church.

Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City, IN 47348.

BENNETT

Mark Vincent Bennett went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ unexpectedly, on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Mark was born on Monday, January 15, 1962 in Marion, Indiana to Carmen Ledford and Darlie Bennet. As a child he grew up in the hills of West Virginia and Van Buren, Indiana. Then he moved to Texas with his brothers to work on the oil rigs. He would go on and on with many stories of the oil rigs with his brothers. Several years later he returned to his hometown in Indiana.

He loved to sing, dance, and listen to music. He always had a good joke to tell. He

loved to be outside and always had a good fire going and good music.

Mark loved his family and loved his cats.

Mark is survived by his mother, Carmen Ledford; two daughters, Wendi Bennett and Crystal Bennett VanDiver (Devin VanDiver); six grandchildren, Taylor Evans, Aryes Riddle, Gerrick Evans, Keith Evans, Zoe' Tucker, and Payden Riddle; his siblings, Connie (Duke) Taylor, Ronnie Bennett, Larry Petti, Doug (Laura) Bennett, Greg (Paula) Bennett, Cathy Petti, Karen DeLaPorte, Mike Bennett, Carol Chandler; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Darlie Bennett; sister, Wilda Pozzie; sister-in-law, Theresa Petti; and step-father, Wayne Ledford.

The family will receive visitors from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January, 20, 2021 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Mark's life will begin at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park.

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