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Thought for the Week: Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength. Eric Hoffer



CAPTURES THE JOY OF THE SEASON WITH A SPECIAL SANTA EXPERIENCE

Heritage Pointe of Warren recently hosted a heartwarming holiday event created to celebrate the memories and magic of playing Santa Claus. The inspiration came from resident Ken Higgins who moved to the senior living community this summer. When activities supervisor Diane Johnson mentioned his striking resemblance to Santa, Ken shared that he had played the role for years and had always loved it. Seeing how happy the memory made him, the community life team decided to give him the chance to bring that joy to life again.

A community life room was transformed into a cheerful Santa's workshop for children from the on-site daycare, along with residents and staff. Ken's family brought his Santa outfit, candy canes were purchased for him to give out, and activity stations were set up including sugar cookie decorating and holiday coloring.

Ken was wonderful with the children, sharing smiles, stories, and a genuine warmth that lit up the room. His joy was unmistakable, and the experience reminded everyone of what the holiday season is truly about.

MASTER GARDENER BASIC TRAINING COURSE SET FOR 2026

Would you love to learn more about gardening? If so, Spring 2026 is your chance! A Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training Course will be offered to Huntington and surrounding county residents on Friday mornings from 9 am to Noon, starting February 27th and ending June 5th, 2026. The program will be offered in collaboration with Miami and Wabash County Extension. Classes will rotate locations to places such as Salamonie Interpretive Center, Asherwood Nature Preserve, Miami and Huntington County Fairgrounds, and others.

The Master Gardener program is designed to build up your knowledge of home horticulture and train volunteers to assist with horticultural education programs for Purdue Extension. Upon completion of the training program, they are identified as Master Gardener interns. At that time, the volunteers are invited to extend the information in the areas of gardening and horticulture under the guidance of Purdue Extension to become certified Master Gardeners.

The Purdue Master Gardener basic training program will consist of 15 sessions. Topics which may

be covered are Soils and Plant Nutrition, Plant Science, Plant Disease Diagnosis, Insect Identification and Control, Weed Identification and Control, Ornamentals in the Landscape, Lawn Care, Plant Propagation, Annuals and Perennials, and Pesticide Safety and Alternatives, etc. Purdue Extension Specialists, Extension Educators, Advanced Master Gardeners, and local horticulture experts serve as instructors. "Bring along your love of lifelong learning and join us for this great course," says Miami County Ag & Natural Resources Educator Courtney Schmidt.

Persons interested in registration information for the Master Gardener program should contact Purdue Extension Huntington County located at 1340 South Jefferson St. Huntington, IN, 260-358-4826, emfarris@purdue.edu. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register is February 13th, 2026. The cost is \$175. Couples may register together; cost is \$250 if sharing the manual.

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If you are in need of accommodations, special dietary needs, or an interpreter or translator to attend this program, please contact Courtney Schmidt prior to the meeting at 765-472-1921 and schmi163@purdue.edu by February 20, 2026.

ENROLLMENT EXTENDED

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is extending the open enrollment period for the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and PathWays programs through December 24, 2025, to ensure that all eligible Hoosiers have sufficient time to select a health plan that best meets their needs.

This extension comes as FSSA continues to experience high engagement from members seeking assistance with their coverage options. To support individuals and families during this busy transition period, FSSA is providing additional time for plan selection to help ensure no one feels rushed or uncertain about their choices.

Individuals who do not select a plan by the December 24 deadline will be automatically enrolled in a plan that closely matches their current coverage. Importantly, members who are transitioning from an

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Hard to believe that Christmas is upon us already. As I think back on some of the Christmas's in the past I can remember a lot of family time, but not necessarily always family but neighbors that become family.

George and Garnet Bergman would always buy us gifts and would spend Christmas eve with us. They would stay until they announced over the scanner that Santa was spotted in Huntington County, then off like a shot us girls would fly up those stairs and get all snug in bed and wait for him to come to our house. Well one night when I was supposed to be asleep but just couldn't quite get it done, I heard something on the roof top, I was laying there in bed wondering should I get up and look out the window? Or do I just lay there, maybe hide under the covers and act like I'm asleep? Just as I was gonna get up and look out the window, I heard it again, I know it's him, I just know it and under the covers I went. I decided I wasn't taking any chances, because the year before he came to my front door personally and asked me if my chores were getting done and my room is staying clean and in tip top shape. You just don't risk it when you have already be warned. lol

Do I believe in Santa? You bet I do, still to this day. He lives in all of our hearts and the spirit of Christmas is always spread with love to one another. So yes There really is a Santa Claus, when you show kindness with gifts, cards, notes of cheer, in song and music, even just in greetings we all spread the spirit of Christmas to others and the kindness in our hearts to others is what Santa is all about. So kindness is always the greatest gift to one another and there is no better time than during the holiday season to spread the kindness among us all.

This will be my last article of the year, there is so much going on with partys and get togethers that I'm sure I will just run out of time to write, so I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may the upcoming year be a great one for all. Peace and love to you all and remember the real reason why we celebrate, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. See ya in '26

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

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Worship 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp
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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

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Matt Kennedy, Pastor
Worship Service 9:00a.m.
Sunday School 10:00a.m.

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CHURCH**
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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.

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727 N Wayne St, Warren
260-375-2811
office@warrenfirfbaptist.net
Pastor Mark Joyner
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
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Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays:
Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH
694-6622
Aaron Westfall, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00a.m.
Worship 10:15a.m.
Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
Monthly Meetings
1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

**LIBERTY CENTER
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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.

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260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy
Good Morning Church (Sunday School
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Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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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
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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



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AREA NEWS

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MDwise health plan will have a 90-day window after the end of open enrollment to switch to a different plan if they are not satisfied with the one they were auto-enrolled in. This 90-day flexibility is specifically designed to support those impacted by the transition.

FSSA encourages all members to take advantage of the extended timeframe to carefully review their options and make the best decision for their health and well-being.

For assistance, members can contact the Enrollment Broker for HIP at 1-877-GET-HIP9 (1-877-438-4479) or Pathways at 1-877-PATHWAY-4 (1-877-284-9294).

SMART SNAP

As part of Governor Mike Braun's Make Indiana Healthy Again initiative, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is launching Smart SNAP, a bold new effort to improve the health of Hoosiers by aligning SNAP benefits with healthier food choices. Beginning January 1, 2026, SNAP benefits can no longer be used to purchase sugary drinks or candy in Indiana.

This initiative is a direct response to alarming public health statistics: 66% of adult Hoosiers are overweight or obese, 44% eat fruit less than once daily, and 27% eat vegetables less than once daily. Among WIC toddlers aged 2-4, 16% are overweight and 15% are obese. Additionally, 25% of high schoolers and 32% of youth aged 10-17 are overweight or obese.

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Governor Braun emphasized, "This isn't the usual top-down, one-size-fits-all public health agenda. We're focused on root causes... and taking on the problems in government programs that are contributing to making our communities less healthy."

In April 2025, Governor Braun signed an executive order banning sugary drinks and junk food from SNAP purchases. Indiana was one of the first states to secure a USDA waiver to implement this change, and since then, 11 other states have followed suit. The Smart SNAP initiative is a cornerstone of the broader Make America Healthy Again movement.

The new rules define restricted items as follows:

- * Sugary Drinks: Non-alcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners, excluding milk-based or 100% juice beverages.
- * Candy: Preparations of sugar, honey, or other

sweeteners combined with chocolate, fruits, nuts, or flavorings in bar, drop, or piece form, excluding items requiring refrigeration.

To ensure a smooth rollout, FSSA has conducted multiple provider meetings and engaged with provider associations across the state. Retailers have been briefed and provided with detailed guidance. Prior to the January 1 implementation date, retailers are required to:

- * Update point-of-sale systems to exclude restricted items.
- * Submit attestations and documentation to FSSA confirming compliance.
- * Train staff on the new SNAP purchasing rules.

Retailers and SNAP recipients can find more information, including FAQs and training materials, at the official SNAP Retailer Website or by contacting the SNAP Retailer email: SmartSNAPInquiries@fssa.IN.gov

211 FOR HOLIDAY

SUPPORT & ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

As the holiday season approaches, Indiana 211 is reminding Hoosiers that help is only three digits away. Whether families are seeking holiday meals, toy assistance, winter shelter, or support with basic needs, Indiana 211 is available to connect residents with local, trustworthy resources across all 92 counties.

Holiday and Winter Resource Support

- * Hoosiers can contact 2-1-1 or search online at in211.org for statewide assistance programs including:

Holiday Meals & Food Programs

- * Christmas meal sites
- * Emergency food pantries
- * Holiday food box programs

* Community meals with extended winter hours

Winter Shelter & Warmth Resources

- * Warming centers and overnight emergency shelters
- * Severe Weather Contingency shelters

* Utility assistance agencies for heating support

Holiday Giving Programs

- * Toy distribution
- * Holiday clothing drives
- Mental Health & Crisis Support

* Immediate emotional support

* Connections to local counseling, warm lines, and crisis teams

* Referrals for grief support resources

If you or someone you know is currently experiencing thoughts of suicide, or a mental health or substance use crisis, please call 988 to reach Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and speak with a trained crisis specialist 24/7.

Get Help or Speak with a Community Navigator
Phone: Dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-211-9966 Available Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or
Text: Text your ZIP Code to 898-211 Available Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PFW ADDING TWO PROGRAMS

Just as Purdue University Fort Wayne's expanded club sports initiative begins to hit full stride next year, students looking to make athletics a career will see two new and exciting options in the course catalog.

Starting this spring, newly admitted students registering for classes ahead of the fall 2026 semester at Purdue Fort Wayne will be able to pursue a sports management major as one of the paths to a bachelor's

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Merry Christmas!
2025

Thank you for your support in 2025!
It's been our pleasure to serve the Warren Community and look forward to an even better 2026.
- Jeff

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Our Holiday Hours:
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Thursday, Dec. 25th Closed
Friday, Dec. 26th Closed
Saturday, Dec. 27th 9a.m. - 5p.m.
Sunday, Dec 28th 1p.m. - 5p.m.
Monday Dec. 29th 4p.m. - 7p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 30th 11a.m. - 6p.m.
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Friday, Jan. 2nd Closed
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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.

Dec 17	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 21		FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec-25		CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 31		NEW YEARS EVE
Jan 1		NEW YEARS DAY
Jan 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Jan 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jan 12	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly 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

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in business and a sports leadership major tied to a bachelor's in organizational leadership. The sports management option will be based out of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the Doermer School of Business. Sports leadership will be offered through the Department of Organizational Leadership in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

Current PFW students interested in these options will first need to meet with their academic advisor to initiate the necessary changes.

Those directly involved with the introduction of the new majors say the main difference between the two is sports management will prepare students with

strong business expertise to lead and run business operations, whereas sports leadership is more focused on developing skills related to guidance, coaching, and administration.

"The sports management major will cultivate analytical, managerial, and ethical decision-making skills for effective leadership and business operations in sports organizations," said Alanna Olah, clinical associate professor and chair of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

"The business-focused curriculum ensures that graduates are well equipped to pursue professional opportunities both within and outside the sports industry."

According to Michael Kirchner, associate professor and chair of the

Department of Organizational Leadership, there are many crossovers between organizational leadership and athletics, particularly for former athletes who may want to work in the field when their playing days are finished.

"We have a lot of student-athletes, athletics personnel, and general students expressing interest in these courses," Kirchner said. "We are definitely in a unique position in terms of how to center a curriculum that touches on all the different aspects of what it looks like to be successful in sports as a nonathlete. Our specific path could also lead to careers in operations management, human resources, talent development, and related fields."

An expansion of PFW's emphasis on club sports was announced Oct. 30. That initiative and the addition of the new majors are also being fueled by feedback the university has received from area coaches and prospective students who suggest having an opportunity to earn a degree with these specific concentrations might be the best of both worlds.

"Our two new sports management and leadership majors will provide students with the

THURMAN

Debra K. Thurman, 70, of Gas City, passed away in her home at 6:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025.

She was born in Marion on Monday, May 2, 1955, to Donald and Wanda (Mesker) Stratton.

Debra graduated from Eastbrook High School.

She worked at United Technology.

You would often find Debra in a casino because gambling was her favorite pastime.

She liked to garden and grow her flowers.

Debra loved to dance and enjoyed country music.

More than anything, she loved spending time with her grandkids.

Survivors include her daughter, Tracy Mygrant, of Roanoke; granddaughter, Tiffany (Jake) Waldrop, of Huntington; great-grandsons, Lincoln Waldrop and Corey Downam; brother, Donald (Nancy) Stratton, of Marion.

Debra was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Wanda Stratton, and son, Michael Thurman II.

The family will receive visitors from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Debra's life will begin at 6 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating.

EVERHART

Carolyn Marie Everhart, 86, of Huntington, passed away on Saturday morning, Dec. 6, 2025, surrounded by her family at her home.

She grew up on a farm with her loving parents and sister.

In her younger years Carolyn was active in

school, enjoying sports and music.

She was a ten-year member of 4-H.

Carolyn was a 1956 graduate of Huntington High School and later attended IPFW for courses in floral design and management.

She worked several jobs over the years, at First National Bank, she then worked in floral design for 30 years in Huntington and Castle Rock, Colo., and as a funeral assistant.

Carolyn owned and managed Town and Country Flowers and Gifts for 18 years and most recently in her "retirement" years she worked at Myers Funeral Homes, Huntington, for nearly 15 years helping families in their times of need.

She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Huntington, where she enjoyed serving in the women's and children's ministries.

Carolyn also held a weekly Altrusa Bible study in her home for many years.

She loved to volunteer. She was a past member of the Andrews Library Board, a charter member of Nite-N-Gals Home Extension Club, a former leader for Huntington County 4-H, enjoying watching her children and great-grandchildren participate.


Carolyn was an associate of PSI OTE and a member of PSI IOTA Sorority.

She volunteered at Parkview Huntington Hospital, Huntington, and Heritage Pointe, Huntington.

Carolyn had served on Huntington County Red Cross board.

In what little spare time she had she enjoyed floral gardening and floral design as well as reading, music and sewing for missions.

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Carolyn was born on December 20, 1938, in Huntington, a daughter of the late Joseph and June (Baker) Krider.

She was united in marriage to Donald J. Everhart on December 20, 1997, in Huntington. He preceded her in death on January 2, 2015.

Survivors include two daughters, Carlene (Jay) Peters, of Huntington, and Cathalene (Scott) Smith, of Fort Wayne; two sons, Chris (Brett) Stephan, of Huntington, and Chad (Erica) Stephan, of Warren; a step-daughter, Rhonda (Jim) Etherington; a step-son, Brett (Ann Marie) Everhart; a sister, Margie (Dave) Stinson, of Huntington; eight grandchildren, Kelsey (Chris) McCafferty, Tannan (Arielle) Peters, Quinton Smith, Hannah Peters, Lauren (Walker) Spahr, Kaitlyn (Garrett) Heaston, Ethan Stephan and Dalton Stephan; two step-grandchildren, Tyler (Megan) Etherington and Carly (Bobby) Ryan; ten great-grandchildren, Lena, Marcus, Maci, Madison, Hadley, Julia, Meagan, Luey, Parker and Reese.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Don.

Visitation will take place on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene, 1555 Flaxmill Rd., Huntington.

Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the church.

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

Interment will take place at Star of Hope Cemetery, rural Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to By the Book - Huntington or to Stillwater

Hospice. Both can be sent in care to Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

BAKER

Daniel Cedrick Baker, age 94, of Hartford City, IN, passed away at 9:37 AM on Monday, December 8, 2025 at Veteran Medical Center in Marion, IN.

He was born on Sunday, March 15, 1931, in Hyden, KY. He married Edith D. (Coleman) Baker on Wednesday, October 10, 1951 in Bluffton, IN. Daniel lived his early years in Jackson Twp. Wells Co. and attended school in Wells Co. before he entered the US Army. He formerly lived in Warren, Bluffton, and Madison before moving to Hartford City.

Daniel owned and operated The Hideaway in Bluffton for many years. He was a member of Grover Sheets American Legion Post # 111. Daniel enjoyed life in general, he liked planting trees, and spending time with his family.

He will be forever missed by his children, Victor Faron (Norma) Baker, Geneva, IN, Kim E. (Carol) Baker, Burlington, KY, Linda D. (Robert) Lee, Marion, IN, Danny Chris (Debra) Baker, Bedford, KY, James R. (Tracy) Baker, Madison, IN, 8 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren, sisters, Thelma Lloyd, FL, and Peggy Tyler, Huntington, IN, brothers, Tom Baker, Warren, IN, and Clarence Baker, Hartford City, IN, and several nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith D. (Coleman) Baker, father, Gus Baker, mother, Nettie (Thomas) Baker, sisters,

Ioleen Fear, Fern Vincent, Gennie Poff, Grace Baker, and Helen Kay and Brother, John Baker.

There will be no visitation or services.

HASINBILLER

Wyatt Joe Hasinbiller, age 52, of rural Montpelier, IN, (Washington Twp.) passed away

unexpectedly at 11:20 PM on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at his home.

He was born on Monday, July 2, 1973, in Adams Co., IN. Wyatt attended Bluffton-Harrison MSD High School. He formerly lived in Tennessee before moving back to Wells Co. He worked for Dredge, Outdoor Concepts, Steve's Landscaping, and drove semi.

Wyatt was owner and operator of Wyatt's Recovery and Repair for many years; he dedicated his life to helping people with his wrecker service in Blackford and Wells Co. He was on the Board of Directors for the Civil War Reenactment. Wyatt enjoyed coaching little league in Warren and Bluffton and loved camping with his camping crew.

He will be forever missed by his Mother - Susan (Meeks) Durham, Bluffton, IN, Step Father - Howard Nunley, TN., Companion - Bev Arnold, Montpelier, IN, Sons - Reece W. (Chloe) Hasinbiller, Montpelier, IN, Conner J. (Hailey) Hasinbiller, Montpelier, IN, Daughter - Caressa Z. (Jacob) Doyle, Kalama, WA, Daughter - Jessica R. Taylor, Bluffton, IN, Daughter - Shelby L. (Rafe) Lewis, Bluffton, IN, 11 Grandchildren, Sister - Alesha D. (Dustin) Enterline,

Keystone, IN, Step-Sister - Mandy Gore, TN., Step-Sister - Nikki Archey, TN, and Best Friend- Bill Avey.

He was preceded in death by his Father - Mickey Joe Hasinbiller.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and one hour prior to services on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

A service to celebrate Wyatt's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, with Pastor Lyle Meece officiating. Interment will follow in the Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to be made to Glancy Funeral Homes for funeral expenses.

HICKS

David L. Hicks, age 59, of Warren, IN, (Chester Twp. Wells Co.) passed away

at 7:15 PM on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

He was born on Sunday, December 12, 1965, in Bluffton, IN. David graduated from Southern Wells High School Class of 1984. He worked at Sterling Casting, Bluffton, IN, and Gripco, Montpelier, IN. He enjoyed hanging out with friends, horseback riding and camping.

David will be sadly missed by his father, Dave L. Hicks, son, David W. (Alyssa) Hicks, Bluffton, IN, daughter, Ashley Hicks, Muncie, IN, former wife, Debbie Bullard, Muncie, IN, girlfriend - Bev Shimp, Mt. Zion, IN, sisters,

Cindy (Curtis) Sain, Nottingham, IN, Sherry (Ernie) Eldridge, Poneto, IN, Carey (Chad) Foreman, Uniondale, IN, brothers, Richie Hicks, Mt. Zion, IN, Danny (Missy) Hicks, Keystone, IN, 7 grandchildren, and many nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Louise Hicks.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. on Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

LONG

Patrick Ryan "Pat" Long, 48, of Montpelier, passed away on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on June 17, 1977, in Huntington to Fred Long and Karen (Enyeart) Frees.

Pat completed his GED at Josiah White's, Wabash.

He grew up in Warren.

Pat attended Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, Warren.

He was a skilled heavy equipment operator, specializing in underground utilities.

Pat owned and operated his own tree and lawn service company while he was living in Florida.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing and watching his children's sporting events, but above all, he especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Pat and his wife, Richelle (Gill) Long, have been together since November

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2002 and got married on November 11, 2017.

Survivors include his wife, Richelle Long, of Montpelier; his children, Malysa Long, of Elkhart, MaKenna Long, of Bluffton, Peyton Long, of Montpelier, and Eli Long, of Montpelier; a grandson, Deakon Drake, of Elkhart.

Pat also is survived by a special bonus daughter, Cinthya Alvarez, of Ocala, Fla.; a special bonus grandson, Angel Alvarez, of Ocala, Fla.

He is survived by his mother, Karen (Jerry) Frees, of Warren; a brother, Eric (Cory) Long, of Shelbyville; a sister, Adrienne Long, of Fort Wayne; along with several nieces and nephews.

Pat also is survived by his in-laws, Jamie (Lisa) Gill, of Delta, Ohio, and Cheri (Jim) Hall, of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred Long, his maternal grandparents, Donna Hoke and Harry Enyeart, his paternal grandparents, John and Virginia Long, and his grandfather-in-law, Clyde Harris.

Visitation was on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

Funeral services will take place at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 406 E. First St., Warren, at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, with Pastor Jamie Gill, Pat's father-in-law, and Sonny Bloom officiating.

Memorials may be made in Pat's memory to Patrick Long Trade School Scholarship Fund and directed to the funeral home.

LINTON

Kristopher L. Linton, 75, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025.

He was born on September 24, 1950, to the late Jessie and Patty (Dakin) Linton.

Kristopher attended Eastbrook High School and Indiana University, Bloomington, where he received an associate's degree.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Following his service, Kristopher dedicated 33 years to the United States Postal Service.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post #368, Van Buren, Disabled American Veterans and 40/8.

Kristopher loved spending time at Price's Garden Center.

He never met a stranger.

On January 7, 2008, Kristopher married the love of his life, Lori (Morgan) Linton, who survives him.

He also is survived by his stepdaughter, Stacy (C.R.) Gillespie; stepson, Patrick McGlothlin; sisters, Claudia (Ward) Britt, Carolyn Slater and Katrina (Myron) Spencer; brother, Camron (Debbie) Linton; sister-in-law, Donna Linton; seven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Kristopher was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Ashley Linton, his son, Brook Linton, and his brother, Kim Linton.

Arrangements have been entrusted to College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, from 4 to 8 p.m.

On Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, there will be an hour of visitation from 11 a.m.

to noon with funeral service following.

Burial will follow at Marion National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to American Legion Post #368, Van Buren.

HARRELL

Madge Marcelene (Hudnall)

Harrell, 94, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025, surrounded by family and friends.

Madge was born on October 25, 1931, in Glasgow, West Virginia. A proud Mountaineer at heart, she carried her love for her home state with her throughout her life. As a young woman, she left West Virginia with her best friend, Ruth, to attend Earlham College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business with a pre-law focus. This accomplishment reflected her determination and intellect.

On May 13, 1960, Madge married the love of her life, Dedric Harrell. Together they made their home in Winchester, where they built a life grounded in faith, family, and community. They were blessed with one daughter, Betsy (Harrell) Draper.

Madge was a faithful and devoted member of Main Street Christian Church in Winchester. Her quiet strength, kindness, and steadfast faith were evident to all who knew her. She worked for many years at Overmeyer Mold in Winchester, where she was known for her strong work ethic and reliability.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dedric Harrell; her son-in-law, Dan Draper Jr.; and her



two brothers, Gale and Lloyd Hudnall.

Madge is survived by her beloved daughter, Betsy (Kevin Small); her cherished grandchildren, Blakeleigh Draper, Blissfulle Draper, and Dan (Alexis) Draper III; and her treasured great-grandson, Rylan Draper. She is also survived by her sisters, Pon (Richard) Young and Carolyn (Steve) Stone, both of West Virginia, as well as several nieces and nephews who will fondly remember her.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank-you to the compassionate caregivers at University Nursing Center in Upland where she has lived the past four years and Heart-to-Heart Hospice. Their exceptional care ensured that Madge was treated with kindness, dignity, and love as she made her journey to heaven.

Madge did not want a funeral, she wanted a Celebration of Life. We will have the Celebration of Life on Saturday December 20th from 1pm - 3pm at her daughters home 653 South St., Upland.

In lieu of flowers, Madge wanted an account for Rylan Draper's education. Please send checks to Afena Federal Credit Union, ATTN: Steve Ybarra, 28 E. Berry Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

Madge's life was one of quiet grace, devotion to family, and unwavering faith. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

PARRIE

Judith "Mary Ann" Parrie, 85, of Warren, formerly of Gas City, passed away at 8:52 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, 2025, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

She was born in Marion on Sunday, May 12, 1940, the

daughter of William and Marie Sullivan.

On April 30, 1960, Mary Ann married Jesse E. Parrie, and he survives.

She graduated from Bennett High School, Marion.

Mary Ann worked at Owens Illinois, Gas City, for 23 years until her retirement.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Parish, Gas City.

Mary Ann enjoyed going out to eat and going shopping.

She loved spending time with her family, especially during the holidays.

Mary Ann kept a beautiful garden and especially enjoyed growing tomatoes.

She owned many dogs over the years and loved to donate to the Humane Society.

Survivors include Mary Ann's husband, Jesse E. Parrie, of Warren; children, Lisa M. (Kris) Kendall, of Gas City, Daniel J. (Debra) Parrie, of Gas City, and Steven M. Parrie, of Muncie; granddaughter, Amber (Brad) Brand, of Eaton; great-granddaughter, Addisyn Shipley; great-grandson, Ryker Brand; step-grandchildren, Alicia Jones and Brent (Cassie) Kendall; step-great-grandchildren, Camden, Payton, Josie, Landon, Ethan and Hudson; as well as several nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Marie Sullivan, of Gas City, grandson, Dustin McHenry, brothers, Larry Payne and William Mauller, and her beloved dogs, Gizmo and Rusty.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 325 E. N. A St., Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a Funeral Mass to celebrate Mary Ann's life will begin at 1 p.m. with Father Kevin Hurley officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952.

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Looking ahead to the fall 2026 semester, anyone who would like to receive additional information or express interest before the early registration window opens in March may contact:

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A MYSTERY TRIP TO KENTUCKY DAY 2, Pt 2

by Larry Ryan

When leaving the sky lift, we were already 90 minutes behind today's planned activity. Following highway # 11, it took us northwest to road # 77 and the entrance to the notorious, Red River Gorge. Soon I spotted a 'Yield' sign which I thought was unusual, but straight ahead was a one-lane tunnel. There was a car in the middle of this hole in the mountain and it was heading in my direction.

This 900 ft. long, 12x13 ft. Nada Tunnel was carved into the sandstone cliff of the Appalachian Foothills by the Dana Lumber Company in 1910-11. Its purpose was to accommodate a railroad for hauling lumber from the interior to a saw mill in Nada, KY. The seventy-five minute, curving route around the exterior of the gorge was less scenic than expected due to the multitude of thick-leafed trees. Photo ops were limited except when crossing two bridges over the Red River. We did stop half way around the loop at Gladie Center, an early settlement. A log cabin and an old barn with primitive farming equipment were photographed.

Looking for additional scenic views, our auto turned onto Chimney Rock Road. With my wife, in charge of the map, she quickly noted that Chimney Rock was long distance. The car did a safe, three-point turn around on a narrow road. Near

Koomer Ridge Campground, an excellent, scenic view was located.

By 12:25 our minivan was back on Bert Combs Mountain Parkway. We stopped for lunch at Arby's in Stanton, KY, crossed the Red River three times, and continued towards I-64 West. After crawling along the curving gorge road, driving 70 mph on the parkway felt like moving along at 85 mph. Roadside were six workers harvesting tobacco leaves.

I-64 was accessed momentarily until State Road # 627 north was found. My wife had information about a Cane Ridge Meeting House where her Morrison, ancestor grandparents were married several decades earlier. We did not locate a Cane Ridge Road on the way to Paris, KY. I stopped at the city's fire station and asked directions. Yes, I did! One young fireman presented verbal information. I should have had him draw a map. I missed the correct turn which cost us 30 minutes of unproductive time. We stopped and requested help from two men who were repairing a section of the double horse fence. This vicarious expedition led us past several, well-groomed horse farms. I feel sure that we were the first vehicle with Indiana license plates to ever travel this section of roadway.

After locating Cane Ridge Road (State Highway 537), the meeting house was finally discovered. The history of this Bourbon County site goes back to Daniel Boone who advised pioneers to travel to the "canebrakes of Kentucky." Presbyterians from North Carolina built the log structure in 1790. In 1804, the Christian Church and Churches of Christ originated and lasted until 1921. To prevent further deterioration, upgrading of the building was accomplished and a superstructure built to completely surround and cover it in 1954-57.

Upon returning to Paris, again I missed a sign for US Highway # 460 and had to ask for travel information once more. It was nearing 6 pm when we approached Cincinnati on I-75. Figuring that 'rush hour' traffic was over, we made a decision to stay on the interstate highway and drive through the

city. Bad Choice. That in-city voyage lasted one and half hours!

While traveling north on I-75, several overpass bridges displayed double American Flags which reminded me that during this long, weary travel day, we were still in the United States!

Arby' satisfied our hunger once again. This time it was at New Knoxville, OH. Two tired travelers arrived home at 10 pm. Should have taken the southwest bypass around Cincinnati!

BOB DYLAN AT BSU

Bob Dylan Returning to Emens Auditorium on March 31, 2026 at 8 p.m! His 2026 tour, "Rough and Rowdy Ways" will be joining the Emens Auditorium 25-26 season.

Tickets will go on sale this Friday, December 12 at 10 a.m. EST online at Ticketmaster and the Emens Box Office, either in person or by calling 765-285-1539. Learn more about this event.

Bob Dylan is one of the greatest songwriters of all time. As a musician, he has shaped popular music in innumerable ways — from inspiring the Beatles and bringing folk-rock into the mainstream to proving that electric guitars could be as revolutionary as acoustic ones.

Bob Dylan's career has lasted the better part of sixty years now. He has never gotten by on sentimentality or nostalgia. He has never repeated his successes and has always pushed his work ahead!

Tickets go on sale this Friday, December 12 at 10 a.m. online at Ticketmaster or at the Emens Box Office, either in person or by calling 765-285-1539.

For a full schedule of upcoming performances and events at Emens Auditorium, visit

<https://www.bsu.edu/web/emens/events>.

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 — About Tax Filing Status and Medicare

Dear Rusty: I'm trying to figure out if I should change my IRS filing status to "Married — Filing

Jointly" prior to getting reviewed for my Medicare Part B and Part D. My current IRS status is "Married — Filing Single" and I noticed this filing status is more stringent. I will be turning 62 this year (2025) and I've read that Medicare will review my income 2 years prior to turning 65. Any input would be appreciated. Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain: Your IRS tax filing status has no bearing on your eligibility for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) or Medicare Part D (insurance coverage for prescription drugs). Medicare is an individual healthcare program, so enrolling in Medicare provides coverage for you (only), not your spouse (your spouse's Medicare eligibility will be individually evaluated).

What your IRS filing status may affect is the amount of your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. There is a Medicare provision called "IRMAA" (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which sets the income thresholds on which your Medicare premiums are based, and those thresholds are different if you file your income tax as a single, or as "married/filing jointly." The IRMAA thresholds can change annually, and there's no way to yet determine what they will be when you are able to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (they are currently \$106,000 if you file as a single, and \$212,000 if you file your taxes as "married/jointly"). If your "provisional income" (your combined income from all sources) exceeds the threshold for your filing status, you will pay higher (than standard) Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. If your income is lower than the threshold, you will pay only whatever the standard Medicare Part B premium is for the year you start Medicare, and there will be no supplemental premium for your Part D coverage. For information, the IRMAA supplements are progressive — that is, the more you exceed the threshold by, the higher your IRMAA premium supplement will be. To see the current IRMAA thresholds and supplements (again, these will likely change when you are eligible for Medicare):

www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

You are correct that your Medicare premium, when you enroll, will be determined by your total income from 2 years prior. So, if you plan to enroll in

Medicare at age 65 (sometime in 2028), it is your 2026 income which will determine your Part B and Part D premiums, and that income will be defined by your 2026 income tax return. Note, too, that Medicare premiums are reevaluated each year, based upon your IRS income tax return from 2 years prior.

FYI, there are advantages to filing your income tax as "married/jointly" (vs. married/filing separately), and those are best evaluated by your tax advisor (we are not tax advisors here at the AMAC Foundation). And while it's true that the IRMAA thresholds are higher when you file as "married/jointly," it's also true that your total income as a married couple will be used when determining your IRMAA premiums for Medicare. So, once again, it is probably best to consult with a qualified income tax advisor for guidance on whether it is best, financially, for you to change how you file your income tax in 2026, considering that you will be enrolling in Medicare in 2028.

One final thing: If you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your employer ("creditable" is a group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus temporarily avoiding the Medicare premiums). In other words, if you have creditable healthcare coverage from an employer, you don't have to enroll in Medicare immediately at age 65.

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