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Thought for the Week: Seek not happiness too greedily, and be not fearful of happiness. Lao-tzu



HOLIDAY WALK & FESTIVAL OF TREES

Make plans to attend the 9th Annual Historic Warren Main Street Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees along with our Gingerbread House Contest on Friday, November 20, 2020, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The Holiday Walk will involve area organizations/businesses/families that will be opening their doors to the community during this event from 5pm-8pm on November 20th. This year we have 26 organizations/businesses/families participating in the Holiday Walk. The participating businesses/organizations/families will be providing shopping incentives, special activities and treats for those who join us in Warren on November 20th. Those organizations/businesses/families participating are: Accent Interiors, Ackley's Honey, At the Corner Salon, Bippus State Bank, Bravo's Restaurant, Citizens Telephone, Commodity Blenders, DeWeese Soft Water & Appliance, Dillman Church, East of Chicago Pizza, Golfo di Napoli Cafe, Homespun Market, JH Pottery Works, Lil'aa Designs, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Options Charter School, Serenity Pediatric Therapies, Son-Rise Bakery, Studio 7 Nineteen, Town of Warren, Warren Church of Christ Youth, Warren Creative Arts Outreach, Warren NAPA, Warren Pharmacy, Warren Public Library (located at the Warren Town Annex), and the Warren United Church of Christ.

The Holiday Walk entries have some special activities planned for the evening. Special activities include: Gingerbread House Display at Warren NAPA sponsored by Historic Warren. Drive -Thru Only Soup Supper and a kid's craft sponsored by Warren Creative Arts Outreach. 3D glasses sponsored by the Warren Library (located at the Warren Town Annex). A Christmas Basket Raffle and snacks

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VETERANS HONORED

In last week's edition of the Warren Weekly a couple names were inadvertently omitted from the list of Veterans.

Mr. William T (Bill) Eckman served in the Marine Corps during WWII and Korea.

Mr. Clarence E Blair served in the Army for two years.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

All of us at Gebhart's Floral Barn want to express our deepest thanks to everyone that came out for our Christmas Open House! This year has certainly been unique and we are a community that thrives on closeness!

As a reminder, the open house was just our kick-off for the holiday season! We have a wide selection of fresh and silk flowers, holiday items, and JH Pottery Works will continue to update the pottery!

Speaking of which, JH Pottery Works will have pottery for sale during the Holiday Walk and Festival of Trees on Friday Nov 20th! Josh will be doing demonstrations on the wheel as well as taking any last minute custom orders! All the pottery will be located in the law office next to Son-Rise Bakery.

We encourage everyone to shop local this holiday season and support your small businesses and makers! As always, our business hours are M-F 9-

5pm; and Saturdays 9-noon! We'll see you soon!

FREE MAPS

The Warren Pharmacy has just received detailed Road & Street Maps of Wells & Adams Counties. It includes City Maps for Bluffton, Decatur & Berne. These are a FREE gift and sponsored by the Advertisers!

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2021

The Warren Pharmacy has received 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 effect 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Town Council of the Town of Warren met Monday, November 9, 2020 in a Regular Meeting at Assembly Hall, Council Meeting Room, 131 N. Wayne Street, in accordance with rules of Council and applicable law.

Those present were: Town Council, Ethan Stivers, Carrie Miller, Steve Buzzard, Present electronically but not voting was Council Member Tavis Surfus; Clerk-Treasurer, Marilyn Morrison; Employees, Lee Poulson, Ty Surfus, Brian Sills, and others.

President Stivers opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Jessica Beal of the Huntington County Department of Community Development reported on property inspections at 313 Matilda, 319 Matilda, and 218 W. Third. Also commenting was Brandt Ricker of the Board of Health. A demolition order on the 313 Matilda property had expired. Ricker reported that there had been no improvements on the structure and in fact, the structure had deteriorated. Reported was the porch structure at the 319 Matilda site was in need of work. Ricker reported that the structure at 218 W. Third Street had a tarp over an area of the house but the building was not secured to prevent rodents entering. In addition, there had not been any work at the site for some time.

Following discussion, Miller moved, Buzzard seconded, to have DCD proceed with orders of demolition on the 313 Matilda and 218 W. Third properties. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted was a proposed Agreement of Payment previously approved by

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



It has been a busy week between home and work. I'm hoping things will slow down, but I'm sure not for a while. I managed to get my fall decorations outside down while it's still warm and yes I am planning on putting up Christmas decorations while it's still warm. I have loved every ounce of this weeks weather, just wish it was here to stay. I'm just not looking forward to winter this year.

Tara and I have been working on our masterpiece for the gingerbread contest. It is looking awesome and can't wait to share it with you all. It meets the "principals" approval so far, so we must be doing a good job. It has a lot of fine work and lots of detail that I hope holds up to the ride to where it will be going for the display. As before I'm not telling you what we are doing and only a few people know what we're up to.

But I can tell you this...every year we will be doing a site from around town, and to be honest with you, we have the next several years planned out. I'm so excited for each one we have planned, so make sure you come down to Historic Warren's Festival of Trees and check out this year's work.

Been tossing the ideas around for Thanksgiving meal. My sister's crew wants turkey, my crew wants ham and mom just wants us to be together. Lol so I believe if we are still able to have it, I will be fixing both along with mashed potatoes and gravy, bread dressing, green beans, dinner rolls, apple cranberry feta salad and pumpkin pie and just maybe a pecan cobbler that I never got made last year. I choose to go traditional this year, next year I might just go off the grid again and make something different, like my sister says if it don't taste good we can always have frozen pizza and ice cream. I still wonder why we don't just fix that. Lol

In closing, this week please keep in your prayers all the front line workers, healthcare workers, and those affected by the Covid virus. We are getting tired and very frustrated in our efforts in fighting the Covid virus, prayers that we all can find the strength to keep on going and get through this and be safe and healthy while protecting others. Thank you. Peace and love to all.

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 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 8294S 900W 35
 Harold Smith, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 6:00p.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST
 Chad Yoder, Pastor
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.
 Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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 260/515-2517
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 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.

HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

THE NEW BEGINNING
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
 Steve Sutton, Pastor
 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HERITAGE POINTE
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case
 Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT
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 Chapel Services 9:00 a.m.

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 727 N Wayne St, Warren
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 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
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 Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

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

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

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 Worship 10:30 a.m.
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 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT
 375-4359
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor
 Lois Slusher, Supt.
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
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 Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Youth 4-6 p.m.
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 468-2412
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Church School 10:45a.m.

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 375-2102
 Interim Pastor Troy Drayer
 Youth Pastor Troy & Mindy Drayer
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Sunday School during Worship Service
 Youth Group-Wed 6:30 p.m.
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

VB CHURCH OF THE 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 765-934-1431
 Pastor Brad Hensley
 Worship Service 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:30am
 Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) 7:00 pm
 UMW 2nd Wed 7:00 pm
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 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm
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 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens Ministry Asst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
 Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 11 to 11:50 a.m.
 Youth:
 K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren
 260-228-9084
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor
 Wesley Welch, Supt.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
 765-934-3609
 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes 9:30 am
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm
 Thurs. Bible Study 7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Council and as submitted on October 30, 2020 to Golfo following input of data from the Town Compliance Engineer. The five month payment plan for surcharges owed the Town due to extreme loading of the Wastewater Treatment Plant due to lack of Pretreatment was outlined and discussed.

No Golfo response has been received as of this date. Also submitted was notice from Golfo that installation and operation of Pretreatment is not expected until December, delaying their proposed compliance. Council will discuss action on nonpayment giving Golfo thirty more days to respond to the Payment Plan.

A timeline for the next steps in the OCRA Grant, Water Tower, was submitted from the Grant Consultant. The project must be bid by February 9, 2020. The financial package will then be finalized and submitted to the State Revolving Loan Fund for authorization.

A Services Agreement from Cardno, approved contractor for the removal of the dam in the Salamonie River, was submitted for consideration. Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, to sign the Agreement. The motion was approved unanimously. The information will be submitted to the DNR so that the project can go forward.

An onsite meeting is scheduled for November 19th with Cardno, DNR, Town Officials, and others involved in the process. It is still

expected that the project will be completed by the end of 2020.

Discussion was held on addition of vision insurance to the Employee Benefit Package with Companion Life. The cost per employee would be \$6.58 per month adding \$59.22 to the current monthly charge for coverage.

Following discussion, Stivers moved, seconded by Buzzard, to approve the policy change. Stivers and Buzzard voting in the affirmative with Miller voting against. Due to the lack of quorum of elected Council Members, the motion failed.

Collection of electronics has been set for the week of November 16th. The collection will be for Town of Warren residents only.

The State has extended the due date for completion of a Water Systems Audit by all systems within the State. Commonwealth Engineering is completing the Town's plan as it must be certified.

The December Council Meeting was rescheduled to December 21st to allow extra time for actions necessary for end of year.

Stivers outlined his plan for year-end Employee Evaluations noting the procedure would not change from what had been done before. Stivers will work with Sills and Marshal Spitler to schedule the times. In addition, Stivers asked if Council would consider meeting with Sills and Spitler to discuss with each the operations of each of their departments. In addition, a

meeting will be held with the Clerk-Treasurer to do the same.

No reports given for Chamber and HCUD. Discussion was held that a new downtown business would be opening soon, Studio 7Nineteen. The business is located at the former site of Kim's Katered Affair.

Morrison reported that the installation of a new phone system was not going well as line interference was an issue. The consultant continues to work on the problem. Also reported was that the part-time Utility Clerk would return from maternity leave on December 15th. Submitted for Council review and discussion was the Accounts Payable Register which was approved by consensus. Also submitted for Council review and comment was the October Financial Report. No discussion. CARES Act monies were received and deposited as outlined previously. The week of November 14th will see three days of training for the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy.

Although the office is usually closed to allow attendance at those sessions, this year's will be virtual so the office will not close. Two days are computer system update training and one day is State Board of Accounts training.

Discussion was held on protocol related to COVID.

Miller moved that temperature of each employee be taken at the beginning of the day. The employee must have a temperature less than 100.4 to remain at work. A basic written protocol is to be written by Morrison based on Miller's submitted documents for Council review.

Fire Chief Poulson stated that no update had been received about the radio grant received by entities in the County. The match will be met by all the communities and county, Warren's total not known at this time. By consensus, Council approved payment of 2020 Firemen Compensation by December 1st.

Sills submitted the monthly activity and project report.

Discussed was status of a sewer camera and sewer vacuum truck. Council took no action on either. Reviewed was a list of vehicles with attached information as to age, mileage, etc. Submitted was an invoice from Heartland REMC offering the sale of six new transformers no longer used within that system and at a quoted total price of \$5235.66. Citing that the Town system has use of the transformers and as the price reflects a substantial discount, Sills requested

consideration of purchase. Buzzard moved, seconded by Stivers, approval of purchase. The motion was approved unanimously.

Poulson, Wastewater Plant Manager, requested final approval of purchase of chains in the amount of \$28,000 to continue the upgrade of the Plant. The replacement membranes have been installed with only the chains left to replace. Miller moved, seconded by Buzzard to approve the purchase. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Overview Session for Internal Controls was cancelled due to the length of the meeting.

The next Regular Session of Council is scheduled for December 21st.

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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.

Nov 20	5pm	W - 9 th Annual Holiday Walk & Festival of trees
Nov 26		THANKSGIVING
Dec 6	5:30-8p	Live Nativity SWCC Ministry Ctr, 9450S 900W Poneto
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS
Jan 1		NEW YEARS

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC
Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; Cancer Support Group - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus
These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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ADULT NON-FICTION: Goldberg-The Art of Training Your Dog: How to Gently Teach Good Behavior Using an E-Collar

AUDIOBOOKS: Abbott-Never Ask Me; Unger-Confessions on the 7:45; Deveraux-Chance of a Lifetime; Hilderbrand-Troubles in Paradise

YOUNG ADULT FICTION: Riordan-The Tower of Nero; Walton-Words on Bathroom Walls; Dickerson-The Warrior Maiden; Dickerson-The Peasant's Dream; Urban-All Your Twisted Secrets; Martineau-Kingdom of Exiles

YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION: Earl-Your Brain Needs a Hug

GRAPHIC NOVELS: Telgemeier-Share Your Smile; Runyon-Owly: The Way Home; Runyon-Owly:

Just a Little Blue; Batman Overdrive; Maddox-Catch Soccer's Beat; Maddox-Running Overload

TWEEN FICTION: Yang-Three Keys; Haddix-Remarkables; Yee-The Rise of Kyoshi

TWEEN NON-FICTION: Smith-Thank You for Voting; Boone-An Unofficial Joke Book for Fortnites; Esports: The Ultimate Guide; Harman-Technology is Awesome!; Schwartz-Make This!; Rooney-Minecraft Stem Challenge: Build a Theme Park; Rooney-Minecraft Stem Challenge: Build a City; Wheeler-Toppen-Cat Science Unleashed

CHILDREN'S FICTION: Warner-The Boxcar Children: Science Fair Sabotage; Banks-Middle School Bites; Patterson-Dog Diaries: Happy Howlidays!; LaReau-Rise of Zombert; Applegate-The One and Only Bob; Maddox-Karate Rebels; Maddox-Nothing But Net; Disney Before the Story: Mulan's Secret Plan; Disney Before the Story: Elsa's Icy Rescue; Disney Before the Story: Anna Finds a Friend; Rosenthal-Don't Blink; Brown-Democracy for Dinosaurs; Vitale-Vote for Minnie; Loren-Frankenstein Doesn't Wear Earmuffs!; Higgins-We Will Rock Our Classmates; Reid-Emma Every Day: Tap Dance Troubles; Reid-Emma Every Day: Going on a Field Trip

CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION: Amstutz-Let's Go to the Pumpkin Patch; Amstutz-Let's Go to the Apple Orchard; Barbo-Pokemon: How to Draw; Hoffman-Yoga for Kids; Drimmer-Animal Showdown: Round Two; Leavitt-Dream Jobs if You Like Dinosaurs; Leavitt-Dream Jobs if You Like Toys; Polinsky-Superhero Science: Super Strength; Hoena-Superhero Science: Invisibility; Kaul-Weird Inventions; Micklos-Unusual Medicine; Yomtov-Strange Beasts; Green-The Seven Wonders of the Modern World: The Taj Mahal; Noll-The Seven Wonders of the Modern World: Christ the Redeemer

DVD: The Secret Garden Our NEW Christmas items (fiction and non-fiction books, music CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs) will be out for circulation on Saturday morning, November 21.

CLICK IT OR TICKET

Law enforcement agencies across Indiana will be out in greater numbers in November watching for motorists not wearing their seat belts. As part of the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, more than 250 departments will be conducting overtime patrols working to reduce motor vehicle deaths and injuries in Indiana.

The patrols are supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

"Every time you go somewhere in a vehicle,

whether you're a driver or passenger, you should always wear a seat belt," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Not only is it the law, but it's the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself on the road."

Last year, out of the total number of motorists involved in passenger vehicle crashes, 90 percent were wearing a seat belt. Despite this, unrestrained motorists accounted for over half of all vehicle fatalities in 2019 (308 out of 565), according to data from the criminal justice institute.

Drivers under the age 34, particularly young male drivers, were more likely to be found not wearing a seat belt. Additionally, individuals not buckled up in crashes were three times more likely to get injured when the driver was speeding and seven times more likely when the driver was impaired.

Indiana has a primary seat belt law, which allows law enforcement officers to stop and cite drivers and passengers for failing to wear a seat belt. Drivers can also be cited for each unbuckled passenger under the age of 16.

"Although seat belt usage is on the rise in Indiana, there are still people out there who are choosing not to buckle up," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Wearing a seat belt could mean the difference between life or death. Don't just do it to avoid getting a ticket. Instead, click it to live it—it's your life."

When it comes to seat belt safety, ICJI recommends making sure the lap belt is properly secured across the hip and pelvis, below the

stomach. The shoulder belt should be positioned across the middle of the chest and away from the neck – never behind the back or under an arm.

If the seat belt doesn't fit, or the car is older and only has lap belts, ask the car dealer or vehicle manufacturer about seat belt adjusters, extenders or retrofits.

Children under eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child or booster seat. Parents and caregivers can choose the safest car seat for their child by visiting TheRightSeat.com, or to find a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, who can inspect and assist with the installation of a car seat, visit www.childseat.in.gov.

Visit www.cji.in.gov to learn more about the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

DEER MANAGEMENT AT STATE PARKS

Select Indiana state park properties will temporarily close in the coming weeks so controlled deer management hunts can take place.

Each hunt runs two days. The first is on Monday, Nov. 16, and Tuesday, Nov. 17. The second is on Monday, Nov. 30, and Tuesday, Dec. 1. Participating state park properties will close to the general public on the evening before each of the two hunts.

Participating state park properties are: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Spring Mill, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater

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MECKS

Michael A. Meeks, 66, of Bluffton, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Michael was born March 21, 1954, in Bluffton to John R. Meeks and Carol J. Schoeff Meeks. He was a 1973 graduate of Norwell High School. Helping out on the family farm since he was in high school, he continued dairy farming for 20 years.

For the last 25 years Michael was a delivery driver for livestock feed at ADM (Archer-Daniels-Midland). Michael has also received the honorary FFA degree. He also drove the disability van for several years for Southern Wells Community School System and had worked construction for Christian Brothers. He was also a member of the Liberty Center Baptist Church.

Michael and Pamela J. Thompson were married Sept. 1, 1974, at the Lancaster Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Carol Meeks of Bluffton; his loving wife, Pamela J. Meeks of Bluffton; two sons, Chad (Rev. Angela) Meeks of Arcanum, Ohio, and David (Jeni) Meeks of Liberty Center; five grandchildren, Jared and Elisha Meeks of Arcanum, Ohio, and Cole, Grace, and Sophia Meeks of Liberty Center; two sisters, Marilyn (David) Webb of Bluffton and Linda (Terry) Masterson of Poneto; and a brother, Richard Meeks of Bluffton.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, John R. Meeks, on May 10, 2012.

Friends are encouraged to share your support to Michael's family during a drive-through-style visitation that will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. The funeral home staff will assist you when you arrive so you can greet the

family from the safety of your car. Guests must remain in their vehicles while at the funeral home.

A private family service will take place Wednesday, Nov. 4, with Pastor Aaron Westfall officiating. A private family burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Michael's memory to the Southern Wells FFA or the Wells County 4-H Association.

FRECK

Joan Freck, 91, Indianapolis, passed away at 10:55 am on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born in Marion, Indiana, on Sunday, May 5, 1929, to Ralph and Lula (Parker) Holdren. On April 8, 1950, she married Warren Freck who preceded her in death in October 1979. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, daughter, sibling, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Lula Holdren; husband, Warren Freck; brothers, Harry Holdren, Eugene Holdren (twins); sisters, Maxine Maloy, Martha Mathews.

Survivors include her son, Joseph Freck of Gainesville, FL; daughter, Lois (Douglas) Corbin of Indianapolis; granddaughters, Alix Freck of Gainesville, FL, Kelli (Chris) Neat of Denver, CO; and grandson, Clinton Corbin of Indianapolis.

Joan graduated from Jefferson High School in Warren, Indiana. She married her high school sweetheart, Warren Freck, after his service in World War II. She worked as a secretary at Purdue University until the time of his graduation. The couple spent the majority of their life in Marion, Indiana where they raised their family. Joan was a member of Temple Congregational Church in Marion for 40 years and served on the Women's Auxiliary Committee. She enjoyed music, was a beautiful piano player, and enjoyed reading her Bible. Her favorite thing was

spending time with her family. She enjoyed the TV Shows the Price Is Right, the local news station, and Jeopardy. Her favorite movies were The Bible and The Ten Commandments. She loved the Old Time Pottery Store.

She was a wonderful caregiver to her dying husband while he was suffering with Lou Gehrig's Disease. After his death, she became a private caretaker for the elderly in their individual homes.

In 1999, she moved to Indianapolis to be closer to her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. She lived nearby and was great assistance in watching her grandchildren and household upkeep.

In 2011, Joan relocated to the Altenheim Community Assisted living where she resided for the next 9 years. She became extended family to the staff and residents. She made many friends and enjoyed living there. One of her favorite things there was attending church and the musical activities.

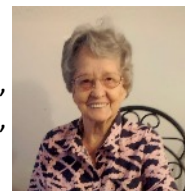
The family will receive visitors from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Joan's life will begin at 2:00 pm with Pastor Bruce Bendinger officiating. Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory - Marion with a brief ceremony in the chapel.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Altenheim Senior Living 3525 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46237.

TOWERY

Beatrice Towery, age 94, of Van Buren, IN passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at Wesleyan Healthcare in Marion, IN.



Beatrice was born October 25, 1926, in Cartersville,

Garrard county, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Harrison and Vergie Parson and was one of 10 children. She married Lloyd Towery Jr. on October 13, 1945 in Lexington, KY. They shared 64 years together until his passing on August 14, 2009.

Beatrice was a homemaker and formerly worked at the appliance factory in Van Buren, IN. She was a faithful Christian and loved going to church. She was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Beatrice was known for being an excellent seamstress. She enjoyed camping and gardening, but especially spending time with her family.

Loving survivors include son, Mark (Julie) Towery, daughters, Paula (Myron) Brankle and Judy (Richard) Zent, nine grandchildren, Dan Brankle, Greg (Sarah) Brankle, Sheryl Shook, Aaron (Tina) Brankle, Susan Zent, Stephen (Amy) Zent, Scott (Holly) Zent, Clayton (Emily) Towery, and Clark Chandler, 15 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

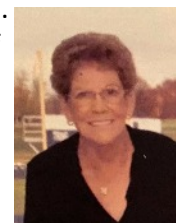
A graveside service will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 2pm at the Van Buren Cemetery with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Van Buren Lions Club, P.O. Box 70 Van Buren, IN 46991.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren, IN.

FOSTER

Carolyn J. Foster, 85, of Berne, and formerly a long time Bluffton resident,



passed away Saturday morning, Nov. 7, 2020, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Carolyn was born in Warren on June 11, 1935, to Alva W. and Osa L. (Oxley) Roberts.

She married Raymond J. Foster in Warren on Oct. 29, 1956. He preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1989.

A 1953 graduate of Warren High School, Carolyn later received her nursing degree from Holzer Hospital in Gallipolis, OH, in 1956. She worked at Caylor Nickel Hospital in Bluffton as a nurse for 42 years until retiring in 1998, serving 35 of those years as the director of the emergency room.

Hobbies of Carolyn's included cross-stitching, crossword puzzles, and genealogy. As of the past few years, she enjoyed all the activities at Swiss Village, especially Bingo. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's sporting events and other activities.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa R. (Pastor Steve) Arnold of Portland; a son, Kevin L. (Lori) Foster of Monroe; five grandchildren, Jesse Arnold, Sydney Arnold, Josh (Julie) Foster, Travis (Lindsay) Foster, and Kayla Foster; and seven great-grandchildren, Jencee, Jaxsen, Jordyn, Judsen, and Jarren Foster, and Ryker and Kynlee Foster.

She is also survived by a sister, Lois Spears of Warren; two brothers, George (Anita) Roberts of Roanoke and Sam Roberts of Warren; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Roberts; and a brother-in-law, Wendell (Judy) Foster.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Paul Roberts; and an infant sister, Lillian Roberts.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Goodwin - Cale & Harnish Memorial Chapel in Bluffton, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Services will immediately follow the visitation on Wednesday at 1:00 PM, at the

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funeral home, with Pastor Jeff Gaskill officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, masks are appreciated and strongly encouraged for the visitation and funeral service. We appreciate your cooperation.

Memorial donations may be made to Swiss Village Activities Department.

Online condolences can be shared at www.goodwincaleharnish.com.

JEFFERS

Bonita L. 'Bobbie' Jeffers, 81, of New Canton, IL, and with family in Huntington County, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at Barry Community Care Center in Barry, IL.

She was born on June 26, 1939, in El Dara, IL, to Sylvan L. and Marjorie L. Myers. She married Billy G. 'Bill' Jeffers on Nov. 25, 1956, at the El Dara Christian Church in El Dara. He preceded her in death on July 24, 2002.

Survivors include five children, Lisa (Bruce) Spann, of Barry, IL, Lorrie (Dean) Hall, of New Canton, IL, Mark (Kristy) Jeffers, of Barry, IL, Stephen (Karen) Jeffers, of Markle, and Stacy (Michael) Haggerty, of Warren; two brothers, David (Debra) Myers, of Hannibal, MO, and Thomas Myers, of Quincy, IL; four grandsons, Shannon Spann, of Warren, Brad Spann, of Bethalto, IL, Adam Hall, of Fort Wayne, and Seth Hall, of Frankford, MO; seven granddaughters, Nicole Leas, of Marion, Leah Hackworth,

of Charlotte, NC, Stephenie Hensley, of Markle, Sarah Glasgow, of Markle, Cassie Miller, of Roanoke, Kialea Jeffers, of Quincy, IL, and Kara Jeffers, of Barry, IL; one step-grandchild, Josh Johnson, of Lebanon; 20 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be no calling held. A graveside service was held on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at Taylor-Martin Cemetery in El Dara, IL. Burial was in Taylor-Martin Cemetery. Kirgan Funeral Home in Barry, IL, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the El Dara Christian Church.

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Memorial state parks, as well as Trine State Recreation Area.

These state park properties will re-open the morning after each two-day hunt. All Indiana state park properties not mentioned will be operating under normal hours.

Indiana DNR biologists evaluate which state park properties require a deer management hunt each year based on habitat recovery and previous harvest rates at each park property. The state park properties are home to numerous natural communities that serve as significant habitat. The deer management hunts help control browsing by deer to

a level that ensures habitat for native plants and animals.

Only individuals selected from the draw may participate at any site.

A full report on the 2019 deer management hunts is at stateparks.IN.gov/files/sp-DeerRMRR.pdf. The 2020 report will be available in March 2021.

Information regarding 2021 state park deer management hunts, including online applications, will be available next summer at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The application deadline is usually in mid-August of the year in which the hunts are to take place.

ZANESVILLE FISH FRY

Zanesville Lions Club Dan's Fish Fry fundraiser will be Saturday, November 14, 2020. Drive-thru from 4 to 7pm. Fish meal or tenderloin meal or combination of both - comes with coleslaw, chips, and cookie for \$10.

Lions Apple Dumplings will also be available at the Clubhouse for \$2 each with caramel.

Proceeds go to the Lions Community Park upkeep and expenses, 3088 W VaHorn St, Zanesville.

WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

Indiana winter will soon be here. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) encourages Hoosiers to get prepared during Winter Weather Preparedness Week, November 8-14.

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Hoosiers can take advantage of the weekend warmth by ridding gutters of debris or leaves before snow and ice accumulate. When gutters are clogged and the ice and snow from winter storms melt, water can back up and flow beneath a roof, causing costly water damage.

IDHS also recommends removing dead branches from trees surrounding the home. Ice and snow can weigh down branches, snapping them and potentially damaging property.

The National Weather Service, Chicago Office, offers two webinars on winter weather preparedness and weather spotter training on Nov. 12 and Nov. 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. EST/6:30 to 8 p.m. CST. The two identical sessions are free and open to the public, but registration is required.

Hoosiers also should use Winter Weather Preparedness Week to create or maintain a preparedness kit that may be needed during winter storms.

Items to add to a preparedness kit include:

- * Food and water for three days
- * Battery or hand-crank all-hazard (weather) radio
- * First aid kit
- * Extra clothing, sturdy shoes, blankets and personal hygiene items

- * Learn what else should be included at GetPrepared.in.gov

A car readiness kit also should be placed in cars in case motorists are stranded during a winter storm. These kits should include:

- * Cell phone and charger for vehicle use
- * At least two blankets or a sleeping bag
- * Flashlight and extra batteries
- * Emergency flares
- * Extra clothing, including boots, hats and gloves
- * Ice scraper and snow brush
- * Learn what else should be included at GetPrepared.in.gov

To learn more during Winter Weather Preparedness Week, visit GetPrepared.in.gov, or

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The camping gift card may also be used to purchase daily entrance, lake permits, horse tags, and any other items sold by park-operated gates, stores and gift shops. The camping gift card cannot be used at any privately operated concessions, camp stores, marinas or saddle barns.

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The Festival of Trees will have 32 decorated trees to greet visitors throughout the downtown and surrounding area. Those attending the Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees will vote for their favorite trees during the evening of the festival and cast their votes at the Town Hall Annex after walking through downtown admiring the joyous sights and sound of the holidays. Our 2nd Gingerbread House Contest has had a great response. As of today we have 14 entries! Gingerbread House voting will also be held at the Town Hall Annex. There will be 3 categories in the Trees and 4 categories in the Gingerbread Houses that you can vote for. With a special category winner in each the Festival of Trees and the Gingerbread Houses to be selected by Miss Warren, Jr. Miss Warren and Little Miss Warren.

We hope you make plans to visit downtown Warren as there are so many great activities for the whole family during the Holiday Walk and Festival of Trees on Friday, November 20th from 5-8pm. You will find maps at the Town Hall Annex and other locations. After you enjoy viewing all of the trees and gingerbread houses, remember to stop by the Town Hall Annex to vote for your favorite tree and gingerbread house during the event. Historic Warren Main Street is pleased to host this evening.

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