



Skating around

Deklin Peoples tried out her new skates on Third Street in Warsaw, last week. She said she tries to practice every day to get good on the skates. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Obituaries

Claudia Marie Mercer McIntyre

Claudia Marie Mercer McIntyre, age 67, of Warsaw, died Monday, Aug. 4. She was born August 1, 1958 in Carroll County, and was the daughter of the late William Claude Mercer and Angie Bond Mercer.



Claudia McIntyre

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death by her parents, her husband Wendell McIntyre; a sister: Becky Hamilton; and two brothers: Ricky Mercer; Donald Mercer.

Claudia is survived by her daughter: Rachael Crockett; sons: Jonathan McIntyre and Nicholas McIntyre; one brother: Randell Mercer; nine grandchildren: Coy; Savannah; Alexis; Shelbi; Nicole; Wendell; Willie T.; Stella; and Rayelynn; and four great-grandchildren: Dexter; Carlee; Zada; and Amelia.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 11 at 1pm with Bro. Ethan Moore presiding. Burial followed at the Warsaw Cemetery.

Garnett-New Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Take Heart... School! School! School! by Monte Shinkle



A new school year is beginning all across our country. Teachers are warming up. Parents are rejoicing. Poor little kids know that summer is over and, like it or not, they are headed back to the classroom for a long period of time. I can't help but feel a little sorry for the kindergartners as they head off to a daily grind for the next 13 years at least. They will quickly learn that the best day of the school year is the day that signals the beginning of summer break.

I am a product of my parents. My mom loved school, graduated from Gallatin County High School, and Georgetown College. My dad quit school when he turned 16. In fact, when Conte followed in Mom's footsteps, discussions at the table were often about school. I can still hear Dad say, "School! School! School! I get so tired of hearing about school". Personally, I went to school a long time for someone whose chief goal was getting out.

I have nothing but good memories of Glencoe Elementary School. I am sad that the place had to close years ago, but I guess that's progress. I think about that school, those teachers and fellow students from time to time. Not many kids enjoyed the classroom luxuries we had.

There was no air conditioning but we had windows and fresh air. There were no smart boards but there were black boards where I learned to write "I will not talk in class". Repeatedly. There were four corners in which we observed the cracks and smell of lead based paint.

We didn't have a gymnasium. We had a basketball goal on slanted asphalt and a playground with swings and a hot metal slide. We also had what no other school in the country had. We had a crawdad hole where we learned to build dams and dikes and pull out crawfish in competitions of skill. When we got muddy we got in trouble.

There were no active shooter drills. We were concerned about bombs of the atomic or nuclear variety but we knew what to do. We got under our desks and put our head between our knees or went to the only hallway in the building. That was our wonderful world in the early '60's.

I started to first grade in 1959. There was no kindergarten in Gallatin County then. I was five years old that fall and I went into a classroom of first and second graders. Eventually I would move up to a class of third and fourth graders. Margaret Arrasmith was my first grade, second

grade, third grade, part of fourth grade and one class of sixth grade teacher. I also benefited from Kathleen Carver and Edith Norman. I am thankful for all of them including Althea Craft and Ruth Van Horn.

Miss Margaret made a great impact on my life. How could she not have? She kept a Bible on her desk along with a paddle. We began each day with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. I learned to recite the Lord's Prayer in her classroom. In later years she told me that she never had a bad child. She must have not paid as close attention as I thought she did.

Jesus said that for that person who mistreats, abuses, misleads, or causes a child to stumble, that it would be better for them to have several concrete blocks tied around their neck and dropped off the Sugar Creek Bridge than to do such a thing. That is the Shinkle Revised Translation but that is the meaning.

Teachers, you carry a heavy responsibility. You are prayed for. You don't teach curriculum. You teach students. Don't ever forget it and I hope you feel the freedom to tell a child, "Take Heart! Jesus cares for you."



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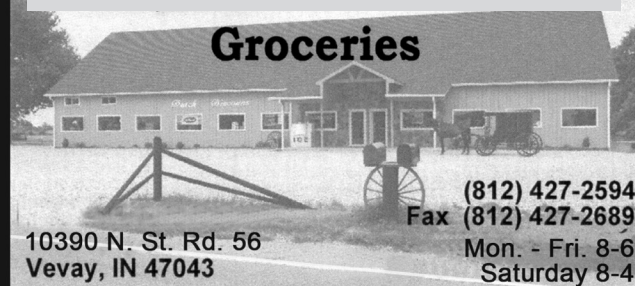
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