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Thought for the Week: When you build bridges you can keep crossing them. Rick Pitino

ALUMNI

It's not too early to mark your calendars for this year's Warren Alumni Banquet, scheduled for May 9, 2026 at the old school. The day will begin with social time in the gym in the afternoon.

We will be recognizing classes from 1956, 1961, 1966, and 1971. Those classes will be listed in the program. In addition, folks attending from those classes will be introduced from the podium and afforded reserved seating. Members from earlier and later classes will also be recognized.

These brief introductions and program will be followed by a sit-down meal.

The committee encourages honored classes to meet and reminisce in addition to attending the banquet. If you are a member of any of these classes, please make every effort to reconnect with old classmates!

We hope you'll join us as we get together to share fond memories of growing up in a simpler time in small town America.

Details about the day and reservations will be forthcoming, but please save the date and make your plans to join us in May!

PRESIDENTS DAY

The U.S. Postal Service will observe Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 16. All Post Office locations will be closed. Regular mail delivery and retail services will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Customers are reminded that when Post Offices are closed, they can still access many postal products and services through usps.com and self-service kiosks available in

select lobbies nationwide. These kiosks feature:

- * Postage printing for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and international shipping;
- * Stamps for purchase;
- * Ability to weigh and mail packages; and
- * Package tracking information.

As USPS modernizes its retail locations, more self-service options are becoming available at more locations and may include:

- * Rapid Dropoff Stations for customers who have already created and printed labels online;
- * An option for customers to print shipping labels from a merchant-provided QR code; and

* USPS Smart Locker that allow customers to both drop off and pick up packages.

Many self-service kiosks are available 24/7, offering customers flexibility and convenience even when Post Offices are closed.

For more information on USPS services, visit www.usps.com.

FREE FAFSA HELP

Financial aid professionals from across Indiana will be at 34 sites helping collegebound students and their families with the most important form for financial aid during College Goal Sunday. The event is set for 2 PM (local time), February 22nd, 2026.

This free program assists Indiana students with filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, many scholarships, and even federal student loans at most colleges, universities, and

vocational/technical schools nationwide. Filing must occur by the State of Indiana priority deadline of April 15th to guarantee state aid for those that qualify. Many families perceive the form to be too complicated and time consuming to complete and often leads to students missing out on financial aid they would receive. This is one of many reasons College Goal Sunday is so important. In less than one afternoon during the event, students and their families get free help from the expert volunteers and file the form.

Now in its 37th year, College Goal Sunday has helped more than 98,000 Indiana students and families complete the FAFSA properly and on time. College Goal Sunday is a charitable program of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA).

Second College Goal Sunday event this school year

"We are pleased to announce that our second College Goal Sunday of the year happens later this month. The last two years, with delays in the launch of the form, we weren't able to hold both events as we usually do. The families that haven't finished the form are anxious to get it done, and meet important deadlines, so we're thrilled to get back to our full schedule" said Bill Wozniak, co-chair of College Goal Sunday. "We hope all Hoosiers take advantage of College Goal Sunday, file the FAFSA, and get one step closer to fulfilling their educational goals."

"Students who don't complete their financial aid paperwork properly and on time are often disappointed when they find out how

much financial aid they lost," said Wozniak. "This is why the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association continues to provide College Goal Sunday. If our assistance gives students a better chance at education beyond high school and less debt, we're fulfilling our mission."

What students should bring Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parent(s) should bring completed 2024 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2024 income and benefits information. Students who worked should also bring their income information. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their completed 2024 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2024 income and benefits information. Students and parent(s) are encouraged to set up their U.S. Department of Education StudentAid.gov account at studentaid.gov before coming to the event.

Volunteers will be available to assist with the online form and answer all families' individual questions during College Goal Sunday. All sites offer FAFSA online capabilities and many have Spanish interpreters available. A complete list of sites is available at CollegeGoalSunday.org.

Attendees may win a scholarship from College Goal Sunday. Students may also win one of five \$1,000 scholarships. Students who attend College Goal Sunday and submit a completed evaluation form will automatically be entered in a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship. The winners will be notified and scholarships will be sent directly to the

higher education institution selected by the winning students.

21st Century Scholars benefit 21st Century Scholars are income-eligible students who sign a contract in the seventh or eighth grade promising they will graduate from high school, meet grade point requirements, fulfill a pledge of good citizenship, and apply for college financial aid. Upon high school completion, Scholars who have fulfilled the commitment and demonstrate financial need receive state funds to help cover their college tuition and fees for up to eight semesters at eligible Indiana public colleges or an equal dollar amount at eligible Indiana private colleges. To fulfill their pledge scholars must submit a completed FAFSA form on time.

Program is a national model College Goal Sunday originated right here in Indiana and is now a national model. Following Indiana's example, College Goal Sunday events organized by more than 34 states have opened doors to higher education for hundreds of thousands of students all over the country.

For more information about College Goal Sunday visit CollegeGoalSunday.org.

ICA ENROLLMENT OPEN

Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, is now enrolling students in grades K-12 for the 2026-27 school year. Founded in 2010, the school offers an established online education program that serves students statewide.

Indiana Connections Academy provides a high-quality educational experience that keeps

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This week has been an emotional rollercoaster, so many OMG'S but we are pushing through.

I think this week I'll start talking about prevention. In recent weeks I have had so many people I know with heart issues or diagnosed with cancer and I must say more than I wanted to hear. So with that said, if one person will just see this and take action then I will be happy.

Preventative measures in your health is an absolute must, yes you go see the vampire every 6 months to a year for labs, but there is so much more that really needs to be done. Doing your colonoscopy, or a heart scan is so much better to make sure things internally is working well.

I did an at home cologuard test, it was free, it was simple and yes a little gross, but it was an easy task and was able to do on my time. I was fortunate to have a good reading on my test. Yes and I was one of them that pushed back against it but I'm not getting any younger and so I said ok I'll do it, and it didn't kill me, I survived to tell about it.

When John had his heart attack the doctors all said his blood work was good, but when down deep they were not, and quadruple by pass later and a month in the hospital, it was fixed. So be sure that you include those heart scans in your preventative routine, it just might save you a three quarters of a million dollars. Yes, that was his bill for that hospital stay.

So please be preventative in your health and ask about those scans and simple procedures, in the long run it will be much cheaper and less damage to your health.

We lost a family member this week, John's sister Cornelia or Corky as we call her passed away. Prayers for her family would be appreciated in this trying time. Have a good week and stay healthy!!

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 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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 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.

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 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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 Fellowship 10:00a.m.
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 Wed. Choir 6:30p.m.
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 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

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 Pastor Diane Samuels
 Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
 Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 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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 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
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 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
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 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.

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 Pastor Brad Hensley
 vanburenychurchofthevine@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

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 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.
 Tara Bower - Secretary
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 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

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 Pastor Al Soultz
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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students motivated and engaged with a strong circle of support and a deep sense of belonging. The school's team of supportive and experienced educators, specially trained in online instruction, establish meaningful connections with students helping them achieve their full potential and reach their goals.

Indiana Connection Academy's College and Career Readiness program for middle and high school students integrates traditional academic subjects with industry-leading, career-focused options like IT, business, health sciences and marketing. This program equips students with durable skills like leadership, critical thinking and teamwork. Students can participate in career exploration and industry networking opportunities to build confidence, make connections and find direction to prepare for their future.

"Our mission at Indiana Connections Academy is to support the academic success of all our students by empowering them to engage in critical thinking through a standards-based, forward-thinking educational experience," said Kelly Simone, executive director of Indiana Connections Academy. "By offering personalized guidance and a focus on career readiness, we help students build well-rounded education plans that help prepare them for graduation and beyond."

For more than 15 years, Indiana Connections Academy has served thousands of students with a variety of needs. Students complete rigorous schoolwork with virtual instruction and support from state-certified teachers. Students develop a strong degree of intrinsic motivation

and critical thinking while enrolled at Indiana Connections Academy.

Throughout the year, students can participate in a variety of in-person activities designed to foster community and build meaningful relationships. These include field trips, student government, National Honor Society, prom, an in-person graduation ceremony, Back to School Connections Week, Fall Fest, STEAM Day, Winter Formal and Spring Student Showcase. Indiana Connections Academy also provides extensive electives such as foreign languages, digital technology and career and technical education; as well as honors and AP courses. Additionally, students can join an array of online clubs, covering interests like robotics, gaming, poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Academy's 2026-27 school year is now underway for students in grades K-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend an online information session to learn more, ask questions and discover if virtual school is the right fit for their student. For more information about Indiana Connections Academy or to begin the enrollment process, call 1-833-591-0251 or visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

About Indiana Connections Academy

Indiana Connections Academy is a unique, tuition-free, online public school for K-12 students. True to our name, we believe meaningful connections drive better academic outcomes, so we build a strong circle of support that unites students, families, and educators. First founded in 2010 and authorized by Ball State University, we create a high-quality educational experience that helps keep students engaged in a safe learning environment. Beyond academics, our teachers focus on building fundamental life skills, partnering with families to help students learn how they learn best. Here, students gain the skills needed to thrive in the real world by becoming resourceful and resilient. For more information, call 1-833-591-0251 or visit www.IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

FIGHT ROBOCALLS

Attorney General Todd Rokita is advising Hoosiers to take measures to avoid falling victim to the schemes of annoying and illegal robocallers.

"Scammers frequently use robocalling in their efforts to steal Hoosiers' identity and take your hard-earned money," Attorney General Rokita said. "We constantly work to catch

and hold accountable criminal perpetrators, but at the same time, we want to help Hoosiers take their own actions to avoid becoming victims."

Here are several tips for protecting yourselves:

- * Don't answer calls from numbers you don't recognize.

- * If you do answer and realize the caller is unknown to you, do not engage. Instead, hang up immediately. Do not press buttons or speak to the operator, as this confirms your number is active, leading to more calls.

- * Register your number on the Do Not Call List at DoNotCall.gov. If your cell phone number is registered on the Do Not Call list, then a telemarketer must refrain from sending solicitations by text as well as calling. (If you'd like to verify your number is already on the Do Not Call list check [here https://www.indonotcall.org/phone_numbers](https://www.indonotcall.org/phone_numbers).)

- * Spot scams, such as pre-recorded calls supposedly from government agencies (IRS, SSA) or requests for payment via gift cards or cryptocurrency.

- * Check provider options. Contact your telephone service provider to inquire about advanced call-filtering or blocking services, which can stop many robocalls and robotexts before they ever reach your phones.

- * File complaints about robocalls (or "live" violators of the Do Not Call List) with the Indiana Attorney General's Office at <https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division/do-not-calltext-complaint/> or by calling 1-888-834-9969 or by email at donotcall@atg.in.gov.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at the Knight Bergmann Center in Warren, IN. Except for two members, all other members were in attendance.

Correspondence from several International and Province officers was read by our chapter's corresponding officer. We were reminded of our annual Province meeting to be held in Kokomo on March 20-22nd. The group selected two delegates to attend the meeting and represent our chapter, those selected were Kelly Jones, our current chapter president, and Beth Ostermeyer, our current chapter treasurer.

We also voted for a new design for sorority t-shirts to be worn at sorority fundraising events, etc. Our Ways & Means officer will work on getting pricing for T-shirts and the design and bring them to the next meeting.

The group was presented with a few items of need, Mike, a co-worker of one of our members whose wife has breast cancer, we voted to donate a \$100 gas card to help with expenses. Also, the local Scouts group requested donations for items needed for their camping kitchen

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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.

Feb 14		VALENTINE'S Day
Feb 16		PRESIDENT'S Day
Feb 16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Feb 18	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Mar 4	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Mar 9	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Mar 10	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Mar 16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC

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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supplies. We voted to donate \$75 to them to buy the pots and pans they've selected.

The group went through plans for the March luncheon to be held on the 8th of March at Knight Bergmann Center. Each girl is responsible for \$20 to be used to purchase pies for the event.

The next social meeting will be held later in February where the group will meet for dinner at Mecates Restaurant in Huntington.

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 – Am I Entitled to More Social Security as a Veteran?

Dear Rusty: I served in the U.S. Army from July 1964 to July 1967. Am I eligible for a higher Social Security payment? Thank you. Signed: Vietnam Era Army Vet

Dear Army Vet: Please accept my sincere thanks for your military service. I believe you are referring to the "Special Extra Credit for Military Service" which has been the subject of many published articles. That refers to a special Social Security accommodation available only to those who served in the military during specific periods of time - but it does not add to your monthly Social Security payment. Rather, it adds to your military earnings record for the years you served, which may (or may not) result in a higher Social Security benefit when you later claim Social Security.

Here's how it works in your case:

Serving between 1964 and 1967, if you told Social Security of your military service when you applied for Social Security benefits (or gave them a copy of your DD-214), they would have added up to \$1,200 per year to your military pay record (FYI, those who served after 1966 were automatically given earnings credit for their military service years). However, whether those special extra credits would affect your monthly Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings record when you later claimed Social Security.

When you applied for benefits, Social Security reviewed your lifetime earnings and used the highest earning 35 years of earnings over your lifetime (adjusted for inflation) to calculate your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA," which is what you get if you claim benefits to start at your Social Security full retirement age). If, after your military service, you had 35 or more years of earnings which were higher than your earnings while serving in the military, Social Security would have used your later higher earning years to calculate your benefit, and your military earnings would not have had an effect on your Social Security benefit. However, if any of your military earnings (including the "special extra credits") were among the highest over your lifetime, then those higher military earnings would be included when calculating your Social Security benefit.

So, whether you would benefit from these "special extra credits for military service" depends largely on your earnings history after you were discharged from active duty. If your military

earnings were among the highest earning years over your lifetime, and you provided SSA with a copy of your DD-214 when you applied for Social Security, then your current SS benefit already includes consideration of your military service (FYI, Social Security should have asked about your military service when you applied). If you didn't tell SS about your military service when you applied for Social Security, or if you aren't sure, you should contact the SSA at 1.800.772.1213 and ask if you were given those "special extra credits for military service" for your 1960s military service years when you applied for Social Security. But if you had at least 35 years of higher earnings after you left military service, your current SS benefit is already based on those later higher earning years, and you will not get any additional /Social Security benefit because of the "special extra credits" for your military service years.

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WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WORKPLACE

RETIREMENT SAVINGS (StatePoint) Workplace retirement savings plans are an excellent way to invest in your future, and the earlier you start, the more opportunity your savings have to grow. Typically automated through payroll deductions, contributions to a plan like a 401(k) or 403(b) are tax-advantaged and easy to make.

Recent research by Edward Jones and Morning Consult shows that three in five Americans who have access to a workplace retirement plan contribute, however 59% of all Americans' employers do not offer one, leaving a gap in financial access and education at a critical entry point for investing. For local business owners – who are responsible for creating two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. economy, according to the National Business Association – implementing retirement savings benefits can be challenging. Fortunately, new efforts are being made to support businesses of all sizes in helping their employees reach their financial goals.

"Edward Jones is in the process of expanding its

retirement plan product shelf offered through our more than 20,000 financial advisors to include Nationwide and Voya. The firm has also invested in new technologies like Aboon, which streamlines retirement plan design and administration, and Addition Wealth, a digital financial wellness platform providing personalized financial education for clients. With our vast branch network in 68% of U.S. counties, we are well-positioned to serve small- to mid-size businesses in need of workplace solutions, and ultimately, their employees," says Alyssa (Lysa) Harper, principal and head of the Workplace Segment at Edward Jones.

"Local business owners are the backbone of communities. We're hopeful the investments we are making will meet more people where they are and offer more business owners and their employees the advice, products and education they need throughout their financial journey," Harper adds.

If you are offered a workplace retirement plan, following these tips can help you make the most of it:

Start now. Savings can grow over time, making it valuable to start as early as you can – even if you're decades away from retirement.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

BENNETT

Jane Ellen Bennett, 97, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

She was born in Jonesboro on October 28, 1928, to Cecil Paul Rhodes and Hazel Elizabeth (Sines) Rhodes. Her parents preceded her in death.

Jane graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1945.

She married the love of her life, Lloyd "Herk" Francis Bennett, on February 14, 1953, in Hartford City. He passed away on June 4, 2006.

Jane dedicated herself to caring for her family, embracing her responsibilities as both a wife and a mother.

In her early years, she was active in a bowling league at Northside Lanes.

Jane also found joy in knitting, crocheting and shopping.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Jeffrey R. (wife, Sharon K.) Bennett, of Bradenton, Fla.; grandchildren, Chad (wife, Chasity R.) Bennett and Nate (wife, Michelle) Sawyer; great-grandchildren, Catelynn Bennett, Carson Bennett, Zoey Sawyer, Liam Sawyer, Gavin Ogline and Samantha Ogline.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, daughter, Susan Jean Bennett, and son, Cecil Robert Bennett.

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

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren, 801 N. Huntington Ave., Warren, with Pastor John Moyer officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

Burial will follow service at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 322 Eighth Ave., Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10001.

HUFFMAN

Donald M. Huffman, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Friday afternoon, February 6, 2026, at his residence.

He was born on December 5, 1943, in Wells County, Indiana to Merl & Edna L. (Collins) Huffman.

Don grew up in Poneto and graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1961. He worked at Corning Glass Works in Bluffton, from its opening, including foreign projects in Warsaw, Poland and Seoul, Korea, until its closing. Then, he worked at Sheller Globe and retired from A.T. Ferrell in Bluffton.

Don was an accomplished golfer and experienced a hole-in-one at the Hickory Hills Golf Course, where he could be found in his retirement years. He was a huge sports fan, including Indiana University basketball, watching golf and the Cincinnati Reds, an avid reader and enjoyed putting puzzles together.

Survivors include his 3 sons: Kevin D. (Heidi) Huffman of Geneva, Travis D. Huffman of Warsaw and Brian D. Huffman of Ossian, along with 4 grandchildren (Haley Huffman of Indianapolis, Calvin Huffman of Berkeley, CA, Drew (Ciara) Croyle and Dylan Croyle of Ridgeville) and one great-grandson (Wade, son of Drew and Ciara). He is also survived by a sister, Betty Gerber of Bluffton and a sister-in-law, Barb Huffman of Bluffton. Don is preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Stewart, and two brothers, John Huffman and Kenny Huffman.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Burial will be next to his parents at Stahl Cemetery, south of Bluffton.

WILDER

Patricia "Patty" L. Wilder, 94, of Albany, Ga., died at 4 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, at Willson Hospice Home, Albany, Ga.

She was born on September 7, 1931, in Marion to Everett and Edna (Purdy) Cooper.

Patty married Keith Wilder in 2005. He preceded her in death on April 6, 2018.

She worked as the office manager for Ambassador Steel, Kokomo, where she was known for her dedication and steady presence.

Patty was a member of Open Door Fellowship, Converse.

She was widely regarded as a true prayer warrior whose faith guided every part of her life.

It was that faith, love and non-judgmental acceptance that would draw people to Patty.

Family was always her top priority, and she poured her love into every relationship she held dear.

Patty also shared a special bond with her beloved dog, Angel Annie, who brought her great comfort and joy.

She loved flowers and enjoyed gardening, and even as she began to lose her vision, she still found a way to enjoy her flowers.

Patty is survived by her daughter, Kathy R. (David) Geist, of Albany, Ga.; three grandchildren, Kari (Gregg) Vanover, of Warren, Neil Shorb, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Jennifer (Billy) DeHart, of Bluffton; four great-grandchildren, Haley Vanover, Mia Vanover, Destinee Burlette and Hadley DeHart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, Steven Lynch and Michael Lynch, one brother and five sisters.

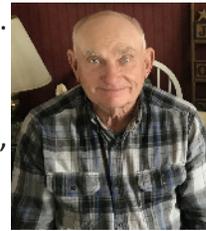
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Friends may call from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

JONES

Emerson L. Jones, age 85, of rural Upland, IN, passed away at 4:07 AM



on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Marion Health in Marion, IN.

Emerson was born on Wednesday, August 28, 1940, in Huntington Co., IN. to the late Clarence E. & Florence Olive (York) Jones. He married Edith "Ann" (Moorman) Jones on Friday, June 30, 1961 in Warren, IN.

Emerson was a graduate of Warren High School. He worked as a truck driver for Shell Oil Co. for several years before retiring in 1996. Emerson was a farmer and was a member of the Flying J's at I 69 & 18 local coffee shop. He enjoyed farming and traveling and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids and great grandkids.

He will be forever missed by his wife of nearly 65

years, Edith "Ann" (Moorman) Jones, Upland, IN, children, Jack (Jenny) Jones, Marion, IN, Kenny (Sheri) Jones, Van Buren, IN, Steve (Cindy) Jones, Warren, IN, Theresia (Rod) Stevens, Van Buren, IN, John (Ronda) Jones, Van Buren, IN, & Mike (Angie) Jones, Upland, IN, brothers, Bob (Barb) Jones, Warren, IN, & Charles (Chris) Jones, Markle, IN, sisters, Shirley Lamont, Warren, IN, & Mary Jones, sister-in-law, Charlotte Jones, English, FL, 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and a great grandchild due in April.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence E. & Florence Olive (York) Jones, brother, Allen Jones, sisters - Jean and Betty Jones, sister-in-law, Patsy Jones, and great grandson, Axel Dressler.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home located at 203 N. Matilda St. Warren, IN. on Friday, February 13, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Emerson's life will follow at 3:00 PM with Rev. Connie Hull officiating.

Preferred memorials: Jefferson Christian Church 5220 S. 800 E. Upland, IN. 46989

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

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Start with the match. At a minimum, contribute enough to your employer's retirement savings plan to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Ultimately though, you'll want to develop a personalized goal, with saving 10% to 15% of your income being a great milestone to work toward.

Make progress. Consider increasing your savings rate by 1% each year. Some plans even offer an auto-escalation option, making this easy.

Leverage windfalls. Reserve a certain dollar amount or percent of future pay raises, bonuses or financial windfalls to go toward your retirement savings.

Get assistance. Fifty-two percent of Americans say advice from a financial advisor would make them more likely to participate in a workplace retirement plan, according to research from Edward Jones and Morning Consult. Reach out to a financial advisor who can review your situation and provide personalized recommendations for you.

A workplace retirement plan can be a key part of a retirement savings strategy. Fortunately, new solutions being offered to businesses of all sizes are expanding access to retirement savings plans to more working Americans.

WHAT EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HER SEXUAL HEALTH AT EVERY AGE

(StatePoint) A woman's sexual and reproductive health needs evolve throughout her life. What's important at age 25 may look very different at 55. But are women talking about their experiences?

Mayne Pharma is committed to breaking stigmas and unabashedly encourages informed conversations. This framework guides women as they discuss and seek to understand their sexual and reproductive health needs throughout their lives.

20s and 30s: Building the Foundation: In these years, women should explore

various contraception options and find the right fit for their lifestyle and family planning needs. Today's methods offer safe and effective choices, including both short-term and long-acting birth control solutions. A dialogue with one's healthcare provider can help women better understand the benefits of each option available.

Women should prioritize preventive care by performing breast self-examinations at home and by making regular visits with their primary care physician and gynecologist for screenings and further education.

Open communication with healthcare providers is essential for addressing sexual health issues, and to tailor treatments (if needed) that best fit a woman's health and lifestyle goals.

40s: Recognizing Change: For most women, their 40s is when they begin experiencing hormonal shifts due to the onset of perimenopause. Symptoms of perimenopause are wide-ranging and can include everything from irregular periods and low libido to changes in mood and even muscle and joint pain. Women should discuss their symptoms with their healthcare providers to understand what medical and non-medical interventions are best for them to help manage symptoms.

Despite the onset of perimenopause during this time, women must remain proactive about their reproductive health as they are fertile until menopause and may become pregnant. They should also continue with all recommended screenings, including mammograms.

50s and Beyond: Navigating Menopause and Post-Menopausal Health: The average age of menopause in the United States, according to the National Institute on Aging, is 52. This stage often brings noticeable changes, such as hot flashes, sleep disturbances, and shifts in mood or sexual comfort that can affect daily life and overall

well-being. Another common symptom of menopause is vulvar and vaginal atrophy, which can cause pain during sex and vaginal discomfort. While these changes are a natural part of aging, they don't need to be ignored or endured in silence- women should openly discuss these symptoms with their healthcare providers.

Fortunately, safe and effective treatment options exist that address menopause symptoms while treating their underlying causes, providing lasting relief. From hormone therapy and non-hormonal medications to simple lifestyle adjustments, women have more tools than ever to support their comfort and health. Talking openly with a healthcare provider is the best way to identify the right path forward to ensure individual needs are met.

Women's sexual health and aging is much more than symptom management. Maintaining bone strength, supporting cardiovascular health, and staying active can all help women feel strong and vibrant in their post menopause years. With the right care and resources, menopause can be seen as a new phase-of-life, one that emphasizes confidence, comfort and overall well-being.

For more than 40 years, Mayne Pharma has been dedicated to bringing patients new and trusted medicines that are safe, effective, and easier to access, and to supporting women at different stages of life with treatment options that meet their evolving needs. For more information, visit www.maynepharma.com.

Women should not feel alone managing their changing bodies. By speaking openly with their healthcare providers about contraception, hormones and reproductive health, women have a partner to support their well-being through every age and stage of life.

3 WAYS FAMILIES CAN GET MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK IN 2026

(StatePoint) Looking to stretch your dollar further in 2026? Here's how your family can get more bang for your buck on the items and services you use most:

Find a Value-Packed Phone Plan

If it's been awhile since you've looked at phone plan options, you may not realize that upgrading your plan doesn't have to be complicated or mean spending more. Check out enhanced plans like T-Mobile's newly unveiled Better Value, a family plan that gives new and long-term customers, including small businesses, such benefits as the largest, fastest, most advanced 5G network, unlimited data abroad, satellite connectivity and built-in extras like streaming services, without the premium price tag. Designed to deliver real savings families can feel right away, the plan starts at \$140 a month for three lines with AutoPay, and can amount to savings of over \$1,000 compared to similar plans.

Plus, it's a good choice if you're looking to map out your long-term budget. The plan comes with a five-year price guarantee on talk, text and data, so your family can count on the price you sign up for in the months and years ahead.

Additional benefits include exclusive hotel and rental car perks, exclusive ticket access and premium experiences at thousands of concerts and festivals nationwide, free DashPass by DoorDash, weekly perks through T-Mobile Tuesdays and more.

This limited-time plan is available to new customers with three or more phone lines who are switching at least two of those lines to T-Mobile, as well as existing customers of five or more years who have three phone lines. For more information, visit www.t-mobile.com.

Bundle and Save

If you're working with more than one insurance provider, you may be over-paying – and wasting time. Not only does streamlining coverage under one carrier provide clerical convenience, an analysis by NerdWallet finds that bundling your auto and home insurance can offer savings of up to 40%. Additional discounts are available for all kinds of reasons – from having a good driving record to making specific home updates, so ask your agent what's available to you. The best part is that you can use the savings on other household necessities, or to expand your coverage and gain additional peace of mind.

Shop Smart

With the cost of two basic essentials – groceries and gas – on the rise, you may be looking for ways to stretch your dollar on the items you can't live without. One way to do that is by always using a rewards credit card at the supermarket and at the pump for cash back on every purchase. Additionally, apps like GasBuddy can help you locate the lowest gas prices near you, and apps like Ibotta let you submit receipts of your grocery purchases in order to earn cash back.

When it comes to monthly bills, a few smart strategies and tweaks to your routine means that your family can live large without your wallet taking a hit.



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