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Thought for the Week: Learning is not compulsory... neither is survival. W. Edwards Deming



2026 ROYALTY

This year's winners of the annual Miss Warren Pageant, and our newest Royalty are:

- Miss Warren - Kendal Zavattaro
- Junior Miss Warren - Kaidyn Bolinger
- Little Miss Warren - Crimson Clemons

Congratulations ladies and we look forward to seeing you at the local events this year.

FISH & TENDERLOIN SUPPER BY DAN'S

An all you can eat fish and tenderloin supper will be held Thursday, April 23 from 4-7 pm at the Liberty Center Community Church. The supper is a fundraiser for the Liberty Center Community Park and all the proceeds will go to the park. Prices are adult, \$15.00, Kids 6-12 \$8.00. and kids 5 and under are free.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

This week is National Library Week - April 19 to 25. The Warren Public Library is celebrating by hosting a contest to win a Sherlock Holmes Book Nook Lego Set. How to Enter: 1 entry when you check books out (limit 1 entry per day) 2 entries when you sign up for a library card 3 entries if you come to the Friends of the Library meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, April 22. Entries began Monday, April 20th and run until Saturday,

April 25th. Winner will be drawn Monday, April 27th.

Hours at the Warren Public Library at Mon/Tue/Thu 1pm - 6pm; Wed 3 - 8pm; Fri 10am - 6pm; Sat 10am - 2pm; Closed on Sundays.

CAR SHOW NEWS

The 6th Annual Historic Warren Car Show, May 16th 11am - 4pm, will have a unique piece of Warren History on display at the event thanks to Glancy Funeral Homes.

Before modern emergency medical services (EMS) were established, funeral homes in rural communities often served as the local ambulance service. In towns across Indiana and much of the country, there were no 911 systems, no paramedics, and no dedicated emergency response teams. When a medical emergency occurred, families would call the funeral home number because it was one of the only services available 24 hours a day. Funeral directors were already accustomed to being on call, responding quickly, and helping people during some of life's most difficult moments.

Funeral homes were uniquely equipped to fill this role. They had vehicles that could be adapted to transport the sick or injured, along with stretchers and, in some cases, basic oxygen equipment. While the level of medical care was limited compared to today's standards, the primary goal was to provide safe and timely transportation to the nearest hospital, which could often be miles away. For years the funeral director would respond to the call, sometimes accompanied by a staff member or volunteer, doing whatever they could to help stabilize and comfort the patient along the way to the hospital.

This arrangement worked especially well in small, close-knit communities where funeral directors were trusted, dependable, and deeply connected to the families they served. They were often among the few individuals willing and able to respond at any hour, in any weather, and under any circumstances. Their role extended far beyond funeral service, it was truly about caring for the community in times of urgent need.

This began to change in Warren around the late 1970s with the development of formal EMS systems, following increased awareness of the need for trained emergency responders and better-equipped ambulances. As EMTs and paramedics became more common and emergency infrastructure improved, funeral homes gradually stepped away from providing ambulance services.

Even so, this history remains an important part of our small town and the funeral profession's legacy. It reflects a time when funeral homes were not only caregivers after a loss, but also first responders in moments of crisis, serving their communities with compassion, readiness, and a deep sense of responsibility.

The last ambulance to serve the Warren community was custom made from Cadillac purchased by H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in 1972. It served the community for several years until the EMS came into full effect.

CELEBRATE RURAL LIBRARIES THIS WEEK

by Rhea Landholm, Center for Rural Affairs Libraries are a vital part of our rural communities. That's why I invite you to celebrate the library in your small town

during National Library Week, April 19 to 25.

These book-filled buildings serve as community spaces, wifi hotspots, children's imagination stations, and more. Many libraries have rooms to use for events such as baby showers, wedding showers, workshops, and city council meetings.

Across the U.S., rural libraries serve approximately 30 million people, according to data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. These libraries often house local history collections or local cookbooks. They also provide computers and knowledgeable library staff who can help with your burning questions.

Even with the expansion of electronic resources, libraries are heavily used. Recent data shows about 90% of libraries in North America offer ebooks and audio books through services such as Libby. The free app allows people to borrow books using a library card, automatically returning when they are due.

The library in Lyons, Nebraska, where the Center for Rural Affairs' home office is located, which is also my hometown, caters to generations of families. I have fond memories of riding my bike to the library to borrow as many books as I could. Early in my adult life, the library moved into a brand new building that features a community room, beautiful murals in the children's section, and rows and rows of books.

If you have not stopped by your local library lately, perhaps this week is a good reminder to do so. Checking out a book is free (just make sure you return it on time). Take time to browse through the sections, chat with the people who make libraries great places to be, and enjoy the many services your library provides.

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Treva's
Recipe Box
 by Treva Flemming

With summer time coming quick, I'll share with you a different approach on cucumber and onions. We tried this and thought it was pretty good and a plus it won't smell up the Tupperware with vinegar as bad. Lol

CUCUMBER SALAD

- 2 English cucumber thin sliced
- 1 large red onion thin sliced
- 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp miracle whip
- 1 1/2 tbsp honey
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 3 tbsp dill
- 1 tsp fresh parsley chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Slice cucumber in thin slices then slice red onion in half then thin slices. Combine in a large bowl, salt and pepper to your likings. Whisk together remaining ingredients except for parsley, pour over cukes and onions toss to coat. Add parsley and chill before serving

Notes I used dry dill weed and dried parsley and it was still great. Enjoy

*Please don't take your organs to heaven ...
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 Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto
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 765/728-2065 for more info
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
 Thursday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

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 Bible Study - Wed. 6:30 p.m.

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 Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

VB CHURCH OF THE VINE
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 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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 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
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FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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 765-618-0027
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 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
 Sunday School Classes9:30 am
 Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

FROM FROZEN PONDS TO LASTING MEMORIES

Jim Hunnicutt's Lifelong Love of Hockey and Home at Heritage Pointe.

Jim Hunnicutt was a high school student when he discovered a passion for ice hockey, a love he carried throughout his life. He played for the junior team of the Fort Wayne Komets, eventually competed at the professional level in Texas, and later skated on a frozen pond behind his home at Heritage Pointe of Warren, not hanging up his skates until he was 75.

Although Hunnicutt, now 83, played football in high school, he often attended Komets games, a professional minor league ice hockey team. While cheering from the stands, he got to know team management and players, who encouraged him to strap on skates and give hockey a try.

"I'd played high school football, and it just wasn't quite exciting enough," he says. "I went to a hockey game, and that looked like the game for me. And I had never skated before or anything."

Learning the Game

With help from a friend, the son of the team's general manager and coach, Hunnicutt learned to skate.

"I skated on the Wabash River and places like that to learn," he recalls.

He played for the Komets' junior team in 1962 and 1963, reveling in the sharp cold air of the rink, the scrape of his skates, the thrill of chasing a puck across the ice, and the camaraderie of his teammates.

"Everybody was close, and I liked that part of it," he says. "When you learn to skate and start playing hockey, you don't have to think about how or where you're skating. You just do it automatically."

A Detour Through Service

Just as his hockey career was gaining momentum, Hunnicutt's path shifted. Drafted into the U.S. Army in

1964, he served 13 months in Korea before being stationed at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Even there, hockey found him. "I knew some guys who were starting an expansion team in El Paso, and I picked up and played with them for about ten games," he says. "It was a professional team."

Building a Life and Returning to the Ice

After leaving the Army, Hunnicutt returned to Huntington where, he says, his girlfriend "decided it was a good time to get married." He soon married Marie, had two children, and began a career at a machine shop in Roanoke, Indiana.

Years later, in his 60s, he returned to the ice, playing in an old timers league called the Lumberjacks, which skated before Komets games.

Finding Home at Heritage Pointe

Jim and Marie moved to Heritage Pointe of Warren 20 years ago, where he continued skating on a pond behind their independent living villa.

He says moving to Heritage Pointe, an idea Marie first suggested, was an even better decision than choosing hockey as a teenager. The community provided care and comfort when they needed it most.

Care, Community, and Support

Two years ago, Marie fell and broke her arm at the elbow, a severe injury that required two surgeries. She spent much of a year recovering in skilled nursing at Heritage Pointe,

where she received extensive care and rehabilitation.

"The therapy department is wonderful, and my physical therapist still comes once a week," she says. "I can't think of any place where we'd be better off."

The support extended beyond medical care.

"Everybody, I mean everybody, helped," Jim says. "I would not have gotten through that because I'm not very good at taking care of things. All the employees were very good. They took care of anything I needed. If I hadn't been here, I don't know what I would've done."

He adds that simply talking with friends and neighbors brought encouragement during a difficult time.

A Lasting Sense of Gratitude

Marie has since returned home, and together they continue to enjoy life at Heritage Pointe.

"She had a great recovery, and I can't say enough good about Heritage Pointe," Jim says.



EXPUNGEMENT EVENT

A free presentation by local attorney, Heidi Fowler, explaining Indiana's Expungement Law and local resources for legal assistance will be given on Tuesday, May 19 beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Auditorium at Ivy Tech Community College - Coliseum Campus, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd. Use door #6 facing Crescent Road.

Indiana's law allows a one-time opportunity for some low-level convictions, misdemeanors, and arrest records to be expunged (sealed) from criminal records. The Second Chance Initiative, a partnership of the Volunteer Center, the Volunteer Lawyer Program and Indiana Legal Services, offers individuals that meet qualification requirements the opportunity to have their Indiana conviction records expunged.

Volunteer Center Executive Director Ani Etter states, "A criminal record is one of the largest obstacles to better housing, employment, and education. The Second Chance Initiative provides an option for low to moderate income individuals to have a chance at a better future."

The Volunteer Center strengthens the community by connecting individuals with meaningful volunteer opportunities at local nonprofits through a variety of impactful programs. The Second Chance Program is one such initiative, supported by a team of four dedicated volunteers whose expertise has helped more than 125 low- to moderate-income individuals take an important step toward

a brighter future. To learn more, visit www.volunteerfortwayne.org

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Circle meeting was held on April 10, 2026 at the Warren First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Thompson. Vice President, Linda Howell, lead the members in repeating the Club Collect.

The minutes from the March 2026 meeting were read and approved. The roll call was taken with members answering, where they wished to go, or do, or see. The ladies wished Carolyn Sparks a Happy 95th Birthday by singing "happy birthday" to her.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Carmen Anderson.

Bonnie Meyers reported on the nominating committee. The slate of officers for the 2026-27 year is: President—Bonnie Meyers; Vice President—Eva Witkamp; Secretary—Suellen Jones; Treasurer—Carmen Anderson; Card Chairman—Karen Hunnicutt; Nominating Committee—Jean Grasmick, Robyn Groves, Deb Smitley. Voting will be in May and installation of the officers will be in June.

Sharon Gebhart is better, but will not be able to help with the May meeting. Eva Witkamp volunteered to be co-hostess for May. President Sandy Thompson has a scheduled eye surgery, so Vice President Linda Howell will be presiding at the May meeting.

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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.

Apr 22		EARTH DAY
May 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 11	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
May 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meetingn @ KBC
May 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
June 3	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
June 3	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town 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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The program was entitled, "Getting to Know You". The ladies divided into two groups and enjoyed answering and discussing the following questions.

Where did you grow up?

What job, paid or volunteer, have you had?

How long have you been in Chautauqua? What do you enjoy most?

What hobbies and interests do you have?

Tell something most people do not know about you?

The members enjoyed the informative and fun filled stories, and learning about their friends.

The hostesses, Carmen Anderson and Pam Stouffs, served several flavors of cheese cake, nuts & candy, coffee & water. Members enjoying the day were: Robyn Groves, Julie Herran, Linda Howell, Suellen Jones, Judy Lewis, Bonnie Meyers, Mary Sell, Sandy Thompson, Millie Whiting, Eva Witkamp, Carolyn Sparks, Lee Ann Garrett, Carmen Anderson, and Pam Stouffs.

THE BRANSON SHOWS TRIP DAY 2, PT 2

by Larry Ryan

It was nearing lunch time when the bus stopped at the Branson Craft Mall. I was getting hungry—not interested in shopping for items that would not fit in our suitcase. The mall manager entered the bus and announced that our pre-selected lunch would be served in a dining section later. This mall has been advertised as the #7 hidden gem in the United States. After 20 minutes of browsing and keeping my billfold closed, our group was ushered to the Pickin' Porch Grill area. A chicken salad sandwich and plentiful French fries were served to my place at the table. We were responsible for operating the drink machine.

After lunch and only spending \$5 for a 'meat/vegetable rub' (craft item?), we found our places on the bus and headed for the first Branson show! The bus stopped beside a side door and we entered the Welk Theatre. A flag-waving usher showed us to our reserved seats in the middle section of this very large playhouse. At

2pm the curtains parted and the Irish singer, Daniel O'Donnell appeared in a sparkling, black jacket and pants, of course. Not only did he vocalize many songs, but added interesting stories. His wife, of twenty years, also joined him from the audience and sang a couple songs with him. We had a close up of Daniel as he greeted a lady directly in front of me who had presented him a hand-made blanket. I have proof. The cell phone camera worked. The performance lasted almost three hours. He can be seen locally on the RFD TV station.

At 5pm, our group of travelers was directed to the Back Stage Canteen Restaurant which was located in the same building as the theater. A buffet dinner was enjoyed. At 5:55 we left for Check-in at the Grand Victorian Hotel. One hour later, the bus was ready to transport us to the Andy Williams Moon River Theatre for a Christmas Show.

Featured were the well-known singers: the Lettermen, the Cowsills trio, and Nadia Cole. She also performs with her brothers, Michael and Avery as the Voices of Glory at the Hughes Brothers Theatre in Branson. A highlight of the evening was the illusionist, Rick Thomas who could make girls in white outfits and two, large, Great Pyrenees dogs appear and disappear quickly. These animals, the dogs, are usually used to guard sheep from wolves and bears. We felt safe from those predators tonight. Another performer, David Brooks, who played the piano for several of the acts, rendered one of his own with an impression of Elton John.

There was more excitement after the performance. It was raining hard as we hurried downhill on a slippery, glass-like asphalt pavement. My disabled umbrella did little to keep us dry. Those individuals, without hats or bumbershoots, got soaked. But no injuries. The bus returned to the Grand Victorian at 10:30 pm. It had been a long but gratifying day. Our Queen-sized bed was equipped with a bumpy, memory foam layer, but it never 'bumped' us off.

Slept well.

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 - Must I Set Up a Social Security Account to Enroll in Medicare?

Dear Rusty: I turn 65 this November 2026. Someone told me I need to set up a Social Security account at least 3 months ahead of time before applying for Medicare for the first time. I do not intend to take any Social Security benefits until, perhaps, age 67 or later. Please advise and thank you. Signed: Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead: You don't technically need to "set up" an online SSA account to enroll in Medicare, but it would be more efficient to do so. We always recommend creating your online "my Social Security" account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount well before you are ready to claim your Social Security benefits. That's because you can monitor your projected Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim, but it also facilitates other things you might need to do at the Social Security Administration (such as claiming your SS retirement benefits online and enrolling in Medicare online).

As for Medicare, you can enroll in Medicare up to 3 months before the month you turn 65, and you can contact the Social Security Administration by phone up to 3 months prior in order to schedule an appointment to enroll over the phone (call 1.800.772.1213 to make the appointment). You can enroll via telephone, even if you don't have your "my Social Security" online account set up. However, an advantage to creating your personal online Social Security account is that you could then enroll in Medicare online as described at this link: www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up. And you can, as you wish to do, enroll only in Medicare without also taking your Social Security benefits at this time.

I want to also make you aware that if you are still working and have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your

employer ("creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus saving the usual Medicare Part B monthly premium). When your employer's healthcare coverage ends, you will enter a Special Enrollment Period during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty.

Finally, please be aware that whenever you claim your Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services). Since there is a monthly premium associated with Medicare Part B (but not with Part A), you can choose to decline Part B if you are still working and covered by your employer's creditable healthcare plan, until your employer's healthcare coverage ends.

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A PARENT'S GUIDE TO PAYING FOR COLLEGE WITH CONFIDENCE

(StatePoint) If you're the parent of a college-bound student, you'll soon be receiving financial aid award letters. Making sense of these letters and planning your next steps can help you navigate the years ahead.

Among the nearly 90% of parents in a College Ave survey who say they helped or planned to help their child pay for college, 68% were confident they had a good payment plan. To help ensure you can say the same for yourself, it's really important to nail down the details. Once the financial aid award letters arrive, Angela Colatriano, chief operating officer at College Ave, says to take the following steps:

Compare the offers. Each letter might present information a bit differently. Getting an apples-to-apples look at the offers is critical. You can calculate the net direct cost of each school by subtracting offered scholarships and grants from the cost of attendance (tuition, room, board, textbooks and fees). If applicable, you can subtract work-study aid too. You should also factor in expected annual increases in tuition, room, board and other fees.

Understand how federal borrowing has changed. The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), signed into law last year, brings important changes to federal financial aid. While some provisions expand flexibility, including Pell Grant use and student loan rehabilitation opportunities, it also places new federal loan limits on parents and graduate students. Families who might be considering federal loans to cover remaining costs may

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GOOD

 John Theodore "Ted" Good, 82, resident of Jamestown, Rhode Island and Williamsburg, Virginia, died peacefully at the Rhode Island Hospital Oncology Center on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

Born and raised in Warren, Indiana, Ted graduated from The Defiance College in 1965. He was first introduced to the ocean in 1966 while serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a Vietnam Veteran.

Ted married Sandra Del Nero of Newport, Rhode Island, in 1968. The lovebirds lived in Fairport, New York for over 25 years, where he started Good Associates, an executive recruitment firm and raised his family. He loved New England, the ocean, lobster and the Boston Red Sox.

Family, friends and his community, especially The Rotary Club, gave Ted the opportunity to demonstrate the motto "service above self."

Ted is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sandra; their daughters, Heather Bell (Jonathan) and Stacy McOmber (David); and their four grandchildren, Grace and Ella McOmber, and Sadie and Aden Bell.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Masonic Cemetery in Warren, Indiana, with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Jamestown Rotary Club, PO Box 652, Jamestown, RI 02835, or to the Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit at Newport Hospital, <https://giving.brownhealth.org/Newport/ABHU-Give>.

SCHENK

Anna Elizabeth Creviston Schenk, 93, a devoted nurse, loving mother, grandmother and cherished member of her community, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in Indianapolis.

Born on November 13, 1932, in Van Buren, she lived a life marked by dedication, compassion and an enduring commitment to those around her.

Anna proudly served as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Marion, for 28 years until her retirement in 1992.

Her compassion extended beyond her profession into her community and church involvement.

A faithful member of the Lutheran faith, Anna was a former member and council member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Marion.

She also played a significant leadership role at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Marion, where she served as both a member and council president.

Anna's faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her with strength and grace.

She was known for her many passions and talents, including cooking, camping and quilting.

Anna's family was dear to her heart.

She is survived by her son, Ralph Dean Schenk, and his wife, Melinda; her grandchildren, Kevin Schenk, Craig Schenk, and his wife, Christina, Jessica Becraft, and her husband, Greg, Erika Rice, and her husband, Jeff; along with five great-grandchildren who carry forward her legacy of love.

Anna was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ralph Schenk, her son, Christian Schenk, and granddaughter, Kara Schenk-McCue.

Family and friends are invited to honor Anna's memory at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd., Marion.

Visitation will be on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by the funeral service from 11 a.m. to noon.

This will be a time for all who knew Anna to come together and celebrate her extraordinary life and lasting impact.

Anna Elizabeth Creviston Schenk leaves behind a profound legacy of care, faith and creativity.

Her contributions to nursing, her church communities and

her family will be remembered with deep respect and affection.

Anna's gentle spirit and dedicated heart will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

HARSHMAN

Sue Harshman, 90, of Keystone passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026 at Lutheran Hospital.

She was the daughter of Guy O. Grove and Vera L. (Pinney) Grove. A graduate of Jackson Center High School in Wells County in 1953, Sue worked five years at the ASCS office in Bluffton. She later retired from Southern Wells Community Schools after 38 years and then continued working 25 years at the Adams County Vision Center in Decatur until her passing, supporting her son.

Sue married the love of her life, Richard, on February 9, 1958 at Asbury Chapel in Wells County. Together they raised three children: Vicki Wilson of Berne, Dr. Alan Harshman (Jan), and Laura (Dan) McKinney of rural Bluffton.

She was a proud grandmother to six grandchildren: Tara McHenry of Denver, CO, Michelle Roman of Berne, Corey (Kelsey) McKinney of Bluffton, Tanner (Kiersten) McKinney of Noblesville, Cassidy (Justin) Yingst of Keystone, and Dr. Jamie Harshman of Indianapolis. She was also blessed with twelve great-grandchildren: Mikaela Skates, Savannah Skates, Cayden Ringger, Cora McKinney, Eliza McKinney, Everett McKinney, and Jenson McKinney, Hank McKinney, Avery McKinney, and Erin McKinney, and Granger Yingst and Jovie Yingst; and one great-great-grandchild, Oaklynn Schwartz.

Sue is survived by her husband, Richard; her sister, Nancy Baughman of Bluffton; and her brother, Robert (Jackie) Grove of Yorktown. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Robert (Jane) of Indianapolis; and sisters-in-law, Rebecca (Jim) Caldwell of Noblesville, Paula (Robert)

Pickett of St. Louis, and Betty Torbert of Delaware.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Richard Grove; and her sisters-in-law, Nancy Okey, Carol Rodriguez, Jill Harshman, Connie Sprunger, Sandy Grove, and Esther Grove.

Sue had a deep love for her family and cherished the time she spent with them, especially her grandchildren. She loved traveling to the Bahamas and to the Smoky Mountains where her family made many precious memories. Sue loved tending to her flower garden and spending time outdoors. She enjoyed playing, talking, and making memories with her grandchildren.

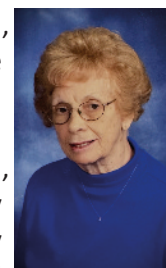
She was a strong and selfless woman whose presence could light up any room. Her faith in Jesus shone through in everything she did and to everyone she met. Everyone who met her loved her. Sue lived her life serving others and always putting others before herself.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Tim Rodriguez. Burial will follow in Stahl Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sonlight Wesleyan Church, 2350 South SR 1, Bluffton, IN 46714.

BLINN

Doris Mae Blinn, 94, of Heritage Pointe Warren and of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away early Saturday morning, April 18, 2026, at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



Doris was born on February 4, 1932, in Grant County, Indiana, in Van Buren Township, to Merle A. Blinn and Ethel (Foust) Blinn. She spent her life rooted in the community she was raised in and remained a lifelong resident of the area.

She graduated from Jackson High School in Wells County in 1950. Doris worked at Essex Appliance in Van Buren and later dedicated 25 years of service to Heritage Pointe (formerly United Methodist Memorial Home), where she worked in dietary. She was a member of Dillman Church and was also a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Doris enjoyed the simple pleasures in life, especially working word puzzles and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her sister, Mary Lou Blinn; brother, Jim (Jackie) Blinn; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Rebecca Hix, Jerry A. Blinn, John D. Blinn, Samuel Blinn, and Bonita Pearson.

Family and friends may gather to celebrate Doris's life on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Applegate Chapel at Heritage Pointe, 801 N. Huntington Avenue, Warren, Indiana. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Chaplain Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial will take place at Van Buren Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Van Buren Cemetery, PO Box 121, Van Buren, IN 46991.

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need a new approach and funding plan. It's important to be mindful of these new changes and annual borrowing limits so there are no surprises down the line.

Look for more scholarship opportunities. Beyond federal and institutional financial aid, outside scholarships can help you meet college costs. Ask your student's high school counselor and visit online sites like bigfuture.collegboard.org and scholarships.com to find relevant opportunities. One easy and simple scholarship your student can apply to again and again in mere moments is the College Ave Scholarship Sweepstakes, which awards \$1,000 to a lucky winner each month.

Cover the gap. If there's still a gap after financial aid, savings and income, and federal loans, consider private student loans or private parent loans. If your family does borrow loans, be sure that your student has an understanding of how loans work, so they are prepared for their monthly payments once repayment begins. You should also compare rates and terms and prioritize lenders with good customer service. To run the numbers ahead of time so you can borrow smarter and with more confidence, use College Ave's student loan calculator found at collegeave.com/calculator.

"Taking the time to carefully compare all your options, then moving forward with a well-considered plan can make this exciting time less stressful and more joyful," says Colatriano.

MONEY STUDY REVEALS CONSUMERS ARE REDEFINING THE AMERICAN DREAM

(StatePoint) Sponsored Advertising Content. A new study exploring the relationship between Americans and their money, reveals how emerging technologies and shifting attitudes are changing money habits.

The 2026 Wells Fargo Money Study, now in its third year, explores how Americans are thinking, feeling and taking action with their money. The findings reveal consumers are adopting new strategies,

looking to have greater confidence when making financial decisions, and being more thoughtful about their spending. Here are some of the report's top findings:

Defining the American Dream Americans, especially younger generations, view entrepreneurship as a pathway to autonomy. The majority of adults polled, 61%, say owning a business is part of the American Dream. Even more, 69% of Gen Z adults, share that belief.

Of those who don't own a business, 74% of Gen Z adults and 58% of Millennials want to someday, with the majority saying that doing so would allow them to control their own destiny. That control though comes with some downside. A majority of business owners report using personal savings, personal credit or home equity to fund their business.

"The desire to own a business reflects a growing belief that success is defined on one's own terms. While entrepreneurship can offer freedom and flexibility, it also comes with financial risk, which is why preparation, resilience, and informed decision-making matter more than ever," said Emily Irwin, head of Private Wealth Planning at Wealth & Investment Management.

Gen Z Faces Financial Pressure Forty-six percent of Gen Z respondents describe their financial lives as messy, and many say they are postponing plans such as relocating, getting married, education and career changes. This financial pressure extends beyond young adults themselves, with 64% of parents of the 18-28 set saying their children rely on them financially, whether for money, housing or other support. At the same time, Gen Z is increasingly turning to nontraditional sources for financial information, such as YouTube, Instagram, TikTok and online communities.

"As young adults lean on both family and nontraditional sources for support, open communication, clear expectations, and shared planning can help families navigate this stage together," said Irwin.

Using AI for Good, but With Caution

A growing number of Americans are eager to try out new technology, like Artificial Intelligence, when managing finances, however experts wonder if respondents know enough to use AI to their advantage.

Nineteen percent of U.S. adults say they have used artificial intelligence in the past year for ideas or education about their money. Among Gen Z adults, that percentage doubles.

Most consumers using AI say they turn to it to better understand potential financial moves, identify new ideas, and weigh risks and rewards. Two-thirds have acted on suggestions generated by AI, and of that subset, 90% say those ideas were profitable or worthwhile.

"Technology can spark ideas and build awareness, but it works best when paired with a solid financial foundation, trusted guidance, and an understanding of how those insights apply to real-life goals," said Irwin.

Other study findings include a reported increase in savings and investments over the past year, increased intentionality about spending, continued employment concerns, and a widespread appreciation for banking apps and rewards programs.

For more information, visit <https://www.wellsfargo.com>.

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IS REFINANCING YOUR HOME A SMART MOVE FOR YOU?

(StatePoint) Refinancing a home can be a smart move – if you time it well and understand the factors involved.

Refinancing means replacing your current mortgage with a new one, and doing so will result in a new rate, term and monthly payment. While refinancing does have some upfront costs, taking this step could improve your financial situation.

Reasons to Refinance

Some of the best times to consider refinancing include:

- When mortgage rates are lower than the rate of your current mortgage. Even small differences in mortgage rates can have a big impact on your monthly payment, and the total cost of your loan.
- When your financial situation has improved and you can secure a loan with a shorter term to build equity in your home faster.
- When your adjustable-rate mortgage is adjusting upward and you want to convert to a fixed-rate mortgage for the security of consistent payments.
- When you've built up significant equity in your home and could use the money from a cash-out refinance for home improvements or to improve your financial situation. With a cash-out refinance, you're refinancing your mortgage for more than you currently owe. In return, you're getting a portion of your equity back in cash.

Key Factors to Consider

Although refinancing your mortgage could save you money in the long and short term, it isn't free. The total cost to refinance your mortgage will be determined by your lender, credit score and location. As a general rule, you can expect to spend 3-6% of your loan principal on a refinance.

A quick check to see if refinancing makes financial sense for you is to calculate how long it will take to recoup the costs of the refinance. To do this, take the total cost associated with the refinance and divide it by your monthly savings. Note that this model will not work for cash-out refinances or if you are

refinancing to reduce the term of your loan.

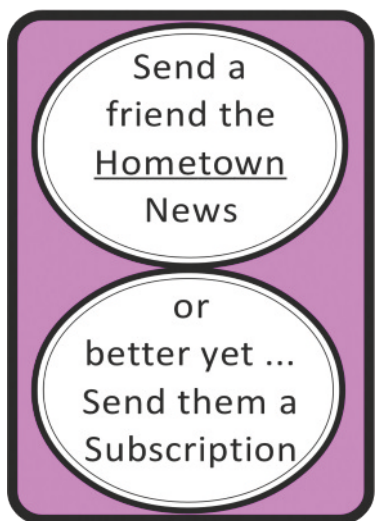
You'll also want to consider when you plan to move, and whether you're going to significantly extend your loan term. For example, if you have 20 years left on your 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and you refinance into a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, you've essentially extended the term of your loan and will pay more interest over the life of the loan as a result.

You should work closely with a lender to discuss options that fit your goals. You can refinance through your existing lender or a new lender. What's most important is that the lender you choose is trustworthy and offers competitive rates and terms.

Crunch the Numbers

To determine how much it will cost you to refinance your mortgage, and how much money you can save by doing so, lean on free online resources. Freddie Mac's tools and refinance calculators can help you estimate payments, compare options and ultimately evaluate whether refinancing aligns with your financial goals. Visit My Home by Freddie Mac at myhome.freddie.com to access these resources.

When it comes to refinancing, timing is everything. Before taking this step, ensure it's the right move for you now.



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