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Thought for the Week: You can't choose the ways in which you'll be tested. Robert J. Sawyer

Honus & Me
by Steven Dietz based on the book by Dan Gutman
directed by Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok

APRIL 24, 25, 26,
MAY 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10
FRIDAY SHOWS 8PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SHOWS 4PM

Honus Wagner
Joey Stoshack
Tom Stoshack
Beth Stoshack
Clarence Birdwell
Amanda Young

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THIS WEEK AT WPL

National Library Week is over and the winner of the Sherlock Holmes Book Nook has been called (congratulations, Karen)! Sidewalk chalk is available to borrow all spring and summer! Come and add a pop of color to our steps and sidewalk.

Tomorrow, 4/28, we will be in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe of Warren at 10:30 to teach patrons how to download, install, and use Libby and Hoopla to get free e-books and audiobooks on their devices.

Wednesday is Ladies Night Out at Son-Rise Bakery for our Book Bedazzling event**. The bakery will be selling treats, coffee, and Boba while we work on our book covers. Bring your own hardcover book and we'll provide the rest of the supplies for free!

**This event requires pre-registration via the eventbrite link in the Facebook page for the event. If you would like to come and have not registered, there are a final two seats available.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE

Just a friendly reminder for all who are planning to attend the annual Alumni Banquet.

Reservations may be made by calling Bruce Preston @ 260-375-2650 or by email to whslightning5@gmail.com and are due by Thursday, April 30th.

The cost is \$15 including the tip, payable in cash at the door.

WARREN PARK BOARD

Following clarification from Indiana DNR, application for a position on Warren Park Board can be received from outside the Town of Warren but within the School District. For that reason, applications will be accepted until Tuesday, May 5.

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6th Annual Historic Warren Main Street Car Show

Join Historic Warren Main Street for a day full of fun! Cars, Music, Food, Tours, Raffle & Door Prizes! Mark your calendars and join us at Heritage Pointe of Warren on their beautiful front lawn Saturday, May 16th from 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Car Show registration will be from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Enjoy food from Hyser Smokehouse BBQ as they will be providing lunch at the event and will be set up in the front parking lot, also available will be Apple Dumplings from Dan's Apple Dumplings. Bring your chair or sit at the picnic tables that will set up and enjoy food with live music from Karen Wehr & Friends Band from 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.!

A special display area will be located in the front parking lot area as we welcome the Old Fort Model A Club to Warren along with a piece of Warren history, the "Glancy Funeral Home Ambulance"!

Heritage Pointe of Warren will have an Open House with self-guided tours 12:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. The public is welcome! Open House maps will be available at the main entrance, Door #1.

Historic Warren Main Street will have door prize drawings through-out the day. The first 100 cars registered

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AT THE PULSE

Beginning this weekend, the Pulse Opera House presents Honus & Me by Steven Dietz, adapted from the book by Dan Gutman. Published by Avon Books c. 1997.

Dates for this production are April 24, 25, 26 and May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10.

Play Ball! The Pulse Opera House is thrilled to announce the production of the heartwarming family show, Honus & Me, a tale of time travel, baseball history and family.

Onus & Me is a theatrical and entertaining baseball-card adventure about Joey Stoshack, the worst hitter on his Little League team. One day Joey finds the most valuable baseball card in the world; the Honus Wagner T-26 printed in 1909. To his surprise, this card works like a time machine, taking him back to Wagner's era and placing him smack dab in the midst of the 1909 World Series.

Joey's adventures with Honus restores his confidence as a ballplayer - but more importantly, it teaches him the true value of being a teammate and a friend.

Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company, Inc., of Woodstock, Illinois.

Cast members are Gio Fischer as Joey Stoshack, Seth Fischer as Honus Wagner, Debi Sackett as Mom, Jeff

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AWARDS

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- Best Mustang
- Best Chevy
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Saturday, May 16, 2026
11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Location: Heritage Pointe of Warren
801 N. Huntington Avenue
Warren, IN 46792

★ Registration 11:00-2:00 p.m. \$15
Prize Raffle Drawing at 3:30 p.m.
Car Awards at 4:00 p.m.

- Dash Plaques (First 100 registered)
- Music 12:30-3:30 Karen Wehr & Friends Band
- Food Truck 11:00-4:00 Hyser Smokehouse BBQ
- Dan's Apple Dumplings
- Door Prizes
- Prize Raffle *You do not have to be present to win

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TAKE EXTRA MEASURES TO HELP PREVENT CHECK FRAUD

(StatePoint) The use of checks may be declining, but check crimes are actually on the rise due to new, creative criminal schemes. Once a check is stolen, it can be altered or signed on your behalf to withdraw money from your account, and there are online marketplaces where criminals will sell stolen checks for other criminals to use for fraud.


Luckily, there are steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Pay Digitally. Reduce the number of checks you send and utilize card or digital payment methods instead. Consider using check fraud prevention services like Positive Pay, if available at your financial institution.
- Go to the Post Office. If you must mail a check, use the secure mailbox inside a USPS facility or hand the envelope over to a postal worker who can mail it for you.
- Follow Up. If you mail a check, confirm with the payee that they received it.
- Monitor Accounts. Set up account alerts and review statements regularly. Most banks will provide an option for an image of each check to be viewable on statements. Cross-reference this image to ensure that the check processed is identical to the one you wrote.
- Report Quickly. Approximately 50% of stolen check images are posted online for sale within eight days of theft. Criminals act fast, and you need to act fast, too, to stop them in their tracks. As soon as you identify an account or payment anomaly, notify your bank to put a stop payment on the check and a freeze on your account. File a police report and submit a separate report with the Federal Trade Commission. Keep a record of all conversations, reports and correspondence in case later problems arise.

Methods of fraud continue to evolve, and a simple check can be used in a variety of ways to commit theft. For instance, criminals can create fraudulent checks using your account information and sign your name. Or they could copy down your account information and use it for fraudulent purposes digitally or otherwise. Mail theft-related check fraud – where a check is stolen while enroute – accounts for hundreds of millions of dollars in attempted theft annually.


Here are some of the most common fraud methods used:
 Account Theft. Checks are used to steal account information details to either steal money directly or fraudulently open additional accounts.

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<p>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8924S 900W 35 Harold Smith, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST Steve Nevius, Pastor Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt. Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. Sunday School 10:45a.m.</p> <p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199 Worship 9:30 a.m. Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp Handicap Accessible Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA Pastor Wayne Couch 260/515-2517 Sunday Prayer 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779 Matt Kennedy, Pastor Worship Service 9:00a.m. Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>HERITAGE POINTE Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer & Cindy Osgood Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m. Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.</p> <p>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH 727 N Wayne St, Warren 260-375-2811 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net Pastor Mark Joyner Sunday School9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 375-2510 Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr. Bus Service 375-2510 www.warrennaz.org Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN 375-3873 John Boyanowski, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LANCASTER WESLEYAN 3147 W 543 S, Huntington 765.251.2322 Ron Forsythe, Pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays: Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH 694-6622 Aaron Westfall, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:00a.m. Worship 10:15a.m. Tues. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Wed. Choir 6:30p.m. Monthly Meetings 1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m. 3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am 4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm</p> <p>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Diane Samuels Fellowship Time9:00a.m. Morning Worship9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT 375-4359 Rev. Millissa Beeman, 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.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124 Rev. Dr. Scotty Murphy Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN 468-2412 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor Worship9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45a.m.</p>	<p>1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN 375-2102 www.firstccw.net Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor Takarra Myers, Youth Director office@firstccw.net Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Youth Sunday School during Worship Service Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m. Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE 765-934-1431 Pastor Brad Hensley vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45am Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm</p> <p>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST 375-3022 Mickey Strong, Senior Minister Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst. Tara Bower - Secretary www.warrenchurchofchrist.org Fellowship9:15 a.m. Worship & Communion9:30 a.m. Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m. Youth: K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm</p> <p>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN 765-618-0027 Pastor Al Soultz Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Sunday School Classes9:30 am Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm</p>
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Applicants from the Warren Area will first be considered. If already applied, no further action necessary. Applications available at Town hall or my email at clerk@townofwarrenindiana.gov. Phone number 260-375-2656.

FESTIVAL FUNDRAISERS

While fundraisers are on your mind from the Festival, here are some upcoming events that more information will be posted soon about.

April 25th Texas Tenderloin Fundraiser @ Dash 90 Wines from Noon-8pm

May 15th Dan's Fish and Chicken Drive thru Fundraiser @ Knight Bergman Center from 4p-7p

June 6th SSF Golf Outing @ Dogwood Glen Golf Course with an 8am start time

June 13th Rock-a-thon @ Dollar General from 9a-9p

Any questions please feel free to contact us, and we will try and get you an answer as soon as we can. Please remember without the support of the community we would not be able to hold the Salamonie Summer Festival each year. What we do is only possible because of people like YOU! Thank you!

FISH/CHICKEN DINNER

Join the Salamonie Summer Festival for a Dan's Fish & Chicken Dinner on Friday, May 15th from 4pm - 7pm at the Knight Bergman Center, 132 N Nancy St, Warren. This a Drive Thru Event.

Tickets are \$14 for Adults, \$8 for Youth, Children 5 and under eat free.

Help us raise funds for our Fireworks. Follow us on Facebook Salamonie Summer Festival page.

SSF SCHEDULE

Attention: if you have an event happening during the Festival and want to make sure it is in the Festival flyer please have all information to Cheryl Deweese by no later then NOON FRIDAY MAY 1ST! That way we can get things to the printer. Please include event name, time, and sponsors with the information. Any questions please reach out and we will help get them answered. Thanks

CHECK-UP DAY EVENTS

IN MAY

Parkview Huntington Hospital and the Parkview Center for Healthy Living invite area residents in need of lab testing to sign up for Check-Up Day events at the hospital in May.

Check-Up Day makes it convenient to obtain common lab tests at a reduced cost. The event will take place in the Wellness Classrooms from 7 to 9:30 a.m. on two Wednesdays, May 6 and 20.

Packages

Participants have a choice between two blood test packages.

1. The Green Package includes a lipid profile and glycohemoglobin A1C for \$50. Also, any of these tests can be added for an extra charge:

- Comprehensive metabolic profile (CMP), \$25
- Complete blood count (CBC), \$20
- Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), \$35
- Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) for men, \$35

2. The Diamond Package includes the two tests in the Green Package PLUS the four optional tests listed above for a total cost of \$130. The Diamond Package can also be purchased without the PSA for \$110.

Individuals who choose either package can also add any of these tests:

- * Iron, \$30
- * Vitamin B12, \$30
- * Vitamin D, \$55

Either package requires a 10- to 12-hour fast before the appointment. During fasting, it is OK to drink water to avoid dehydration and take regular medications as prescribed. Questions may be directed to 260-266-6500.

Single tests

Apart from the packages, three single tests are available. Fasting is not required for these tests:

- * Glycohemoglobin A1C, \$35
- * TSH, \$35
- * PSA, \$35

Pre-registration is required

Participants must register for a Check-Up Day event in advance by calling 260-266-6500. Make sure to leave a voicemail if a Parkview Center for Healthy Living team member is unavailable to take your call. Payment by credit card at the time of pre-registration is required.

Please talk with your medical provider about which lab test options may be appropriate for you.

Information on this event can also be found at parkview.com/checkupdays.

Parkview Huntington Hospital is located at 2001 Stults Road in Huntington. To access the Wellness Classrooms, guests should use the main hospital entrance, turn right at the information desk, pass the Holly D. Sale Rehab and Wellness Center, and enter the first door in the hallway connecting the hospital to the Medical Office Building.

AUDITIONS MAY 17

Pulse Opera House auditions will be held for the upcoming production of Bright Star. Music, Book and Story by Steve Martin. Music, Lyrics and Story by Edie Brickell.

Auditions will be held at 2pm on Sunday, May 17.

Inspired by a true story, Bright Star is a sweeping, heartfelt musical featuring a lively bluegrass score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Set against the vibrant backdrop of the American South in the

1920s and 1940s, this deeply emotional tale explores love, loss and the transformative power of redemption.

Performances will be July 17 through August 2.

Roles available: 16-20 performers, age 13 & up. 6 men, 4 women, and ensemble.

What to prepare: A prepared song that shows you can do this bluegrass style of music.

THE BRANSON SHOWS TRIP DAY 3

by Larry Ryan

After breakfast at the Grand Victorian Hotel, the bus driver vacated the parking lot at 9:15 am for the Little Opry Theatre and the Sanders Family Christmas Show. The setting was a small-town Baptist Church somewhere in the backwoods of North Carolina. It featured the lighthearted, Smoke on the Mountain Family.

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will receive a Goodie Bag stuffed with items from local businesses & will also receive a Dash Plaque. Also, you don't want to miss the Raffle! The raffle is open to everyone and you do not need to be present to win! We will offer golf cart shuttles to the front parking lot area for food and restroom service.

We want to thank our Gold Level Event Sponsors, Crain Ford, Hy-Line North America, Glancy Funeral Homes, Citizens Telephone, Ever Fresh Fruit Co., and Heritage Pointe of Warren. For information and questions about the car show contact (260) 375-6199. All proceeds stay in the Warren Community to continue projects through economic growth & preservation along with community events to enhance the quality of life in the Warren Community.

Historic Warren Main Street is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and a member of Indiana Main Street.

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.

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 Meeting @ 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
June 8	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com



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The two-part stage play was amusing but difficult to hear the dialogue. The stars of the show were the hyperactive preacher and the single, country girl, who purposely over exaggerated her 'deaf signing' role. She was Oscar quality!

This show was completed at 12:15 and our group was feted to lunch onsite at the McFarlain's Family Restaurant. Afterwards, I went back into the small theater to try to make contact with the audio engineer about the sound quality of the previous play. He was not located, but visited with the next entertainers who were scheduled to use that facility. That trio was called, "The Sons on the Britches." Yes, they wore blue coveralls and yellow shirts! Guitars and a bass fiddle were their instruments. They reported that comedy follows along with their musical performance. I immediately contacted our tour director who talked with them and listened while they played a tune for a sound check. Who knows! They might be scheduled for a show on another trip to Branson. I might have another career as a talent scout.

At 2 pm the bus headed back to the hotel for a two hour respite. This rest period included the passengers too, not just the bus engine. That motor pulled a lot of G's going up those hilly roads! We passed "Rickey Bobby's Pit Stop" and an up & down, hillside 'coaster' ride. I chose to watch a football game on TV than take an exciting 'coaster' ride. Reflectively, it would have been more entertaining than the game. We also avoided the 3 minute, downhill walk to Tanger Outlet Mall.

4:15 was the departure time for another chance to buy Christmas gifts at the Grand Village Christmas Shoppes. My holiday gifts were already prepared at home. This saved me from having to carry anything else home in the suitcase.

Next, on the agenda, was dinner while a male vocalist serenaded us at Johnny B Goode's Uptown Café. It was a 50's themed diner! Again, delicious food.

By 7:15, the bus pulled up to the Clay Cooper Theatre. Again, a flag-carrying usher was assigned to our group. We formed a Congo Line while following this leader to our pre-selected seats. Organization was imperative with so many different busloads of visitors arriving at the same time.

The attraction at this Christmas Show was the extraordinary talents of the Haygood Family. The siblings included five boys and one girl. All of them were delightful singers and could play multiple, stringed instruments, drums, saxophone, or piano. Another talent was tap dancing. During part of that activity, two of the guys grabbed a horizontal bar, propelled themselves upside down, and tap-danced against the metal bottom of a platform. Later, one of them admitted that 60 seconds was the ultimate limit to the upside down routine; otherwise, a severe headache strikes! Their talents produced a high energy performance tonight. It was enjoyed by everyone! The parents, who were not musicians or dancers, were present and introduced. It is such a popular show that 600 people could not get tickets.

The family grew up poor in the backwoods of The Ozark Mountains. To corral the energy of so many children, the mother went to Branson and asked various, local entertainers to provide music and dance lessons for her children. Their first dance shoes consisted of tin cans tacked to the bottom of old shoes. They started performing in Branson at an early age and have continued for thirty years.

The bus and passengers returned to the Grand Victorian Hotel in time for me to watch the last inning of the baseball World Series. The clocks were turned back one hour tonight. Slept well again on the 'bumpy' mattress.

NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY: A TIME TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

by Justin Phillips, founder of Overdose Lifeline
The United States is seeing a decline in overdose deaths, a sign that harm reduction efforts are working. But fentanyl remains the leading driver of overdose deaths among young people in the U.S., and one of the biggest risks is misunderstanding.

As we mark National Fentanyl Awareness Day on April 29, this is not just a public health issue. It is a workforce issue, a community stability issue and a leadership issue.

Many teens and young adults believe counterfeit pills are safer than illicit drugs, not realizing they can contain lethal amounts of fentanyl. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, six in ten counterfeit pills tested contain a potentially lethal dose. More than 115 million fake pills have been seized nationwide in recent years. Fentanyl itself is up to 100 times stronger than morphine.

These are not distant statistics. They are showing up in our schools, our workplaces and our communities.

Fentanyl Awareness Day is an important day of action, but the fentanyl crisis is present in communities year-round, and it's reaching younger people at an alarming rate. Educators are seeing firsthand how early exposure, misinformation and stigma are leaving young people vulnerable. Youth who begin using substances before age 15 are more than 50 percent more likely to develop substance use disorders later in life, making prevention before first use imperative.

At Overdose Lifeline, we work with schools, families and community organizations to close these gaps through

evidence-based prevention education and overdose response training. Since 2014, one of our primary missions has been to remove the barriers to life-saving tools.

That includes expanding access to naloxone, commonly known as Narcan, and training individuals and organizations to use it. It includes providing fentanyl test strips so people can identify risk before it becomes fatal. These are practical, proven interventions that save lives.

For employers and business leaders, this moment calls for more than awareness. It calls for engagement.

That can mean supporting prevention education in schools, equipping workplaces with overdose response training or ensuring employees and their families have access to accurate information and resources. It can mean partnering with organizations doing this work on the ground.

National Fentanyl Awareness Day exists because awareness saves lives. Acting on that awareness is what changes outcomes.

April 29 is a reminder that looking out for each other is not just a personal responsibility. It is a community standard and one that requires leadership.

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 – Should I collect SS now or wait two years until age 70?

Dear Rusty: I am 67 and 9 months old, collecting a modest SS survivor benefit with plans to collect my own much larger benefit at age 70. I was confident this plan was a good one; but recent turbulent events make me nervous that cuts could come to Social Security at any time without warning. Would it be prudent to file for my own Social Security as soon as possible so that my benefit might be "grandfathered" in before any sudden and drastic cuts occur?

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Walter as Dad, Jana Henly as Miss Young, Nick Miller as Birdie/Umpire, Allie Miller as Chuck/Friendly Fan, Kira Stansell as Sportwriter, Izzy Harlan as Coach and Sullivan Chaplin as Mr. Spinoza. Ensemble Cast are Steve Bricker, Gabe Fischer, Gabe Fornal, Ollie Fornal, Mallory Hunt, Heath Miller, Anna Mygrant, Elijah Richards, Makayla Fulton, Robinson Walter, Mia Henson and Cora Whitney.

If you have a child who enjoys baseball, check of the Baseball Card Adventure written by Dan Gutman. There are 12 books in the series featuring Joey Shoshack who uses baseball cards to travel back through time.

Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children (18 and under). Times are 8pm on Friday dates, 4pm on Saturday and Sunday dates.

Reservations can be made at www.pulseoperahouse.org or by calling 260-375-7017. The Pulse Opera House is located at 127 ½ Wayne Street, Warren.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

CAMPBELL

Patricia "Pat" Louise Campbell, 73, of Wabash, died at 8:58 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center, LaFontaine.

She was born on June 2, 1952, in Marion to Verlin D. and Cora Mae (Bass) Himelick.

Pat, a 1970 graduate of Eastbrook High School, went on to attend Butler University, Indianapolis.

On August 6, 1988, she married Curtis E. Campbell at Lakeview Wesleyan Church, Marion, beginning a partnership rooted in faith, family and devotion.

Pat built a meaningful career as an accountant - a profession well-suited to her steady nature and attention to detail.

Her faith was a central part of her life. She was a longtime member of Lakeview Wesleyan Church, Marion, and currently attended LaFontaine Christian Church.

Pat embraced community wherever she went.

She was a proud member of the Red Hat Society.

Pat shared her love of gospel music by singing in a quartet.

She enjoyed traveling and especially cherished time spent at her Branson, Mo., timeshare, keeping in touch with friends and family on Facebook and enjoyed playing games.

Above all, Pat found her greatest joy in supporting her children and attending their activities.

Her presence - warm, encouraging and unwavering - was a constant gift to those she loved.

Pat is survived by her husband, Curtis E. Campbell, of Wabash; four children, Michelle (Stephen) Birrer, of Zionsville, Cameron C. (Morgan) Campbell, of Wabash, Curtis E. (Robyn) Campbell II, of Warsaw, and Holly (Chris) Frederick, of Upland; five grandchildren, Hayley Birrer, Landon Birrer, Clay Campbell, Cora Campbell and Cassandra (Heath) Honeycutt; great-grandson, Braylon Honeycutt; two brothers, Terry (Mindy) Himelick, of Marion, and

Darrell (Lisa) Himelick, of Seminole, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gary Himelick and Rex Himelick.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Brad Wright officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Relay for Life and Joni & Friends.

GRIFFITHS

Shirley Ann Miller-

Griffiths, 90, passed away on April 20, 2026 at Saint Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.



Shirley was born in Huntington, Indiana on September 20, 1935, to Francis and Arlene (Adams) Blackford. She was a former resident of Ossian, Indiana and Avon Park, Florida.

Shirley graduated from Huntington High School and later married Francis "Dean" Miller on April 18, 1954, in Huntington. He preceded her in death on April 30, 1992. She later married Burns Caldwell Griffiths on April 11, 1998, and he survives in Fort Wayne.

Shirley was a member of the Crescent Chapter OES #48 out of Bluffton, Indiana. She spent many years working for Walmart as a sales clerk and in the accounting department and truly enjoyed visiting with her customers throughout the years. She stayed busy working various accounting jobs and volunteering for hospice.

She is survived by her husband, Burns Caldwell Griffiths of Fort Wayne, Indiana; her stepson, Michael Griffiths of Charlotte, NC; stepdaughter, Denise (Tom) Nasworthy of Easley, South Carolina; sister Judy C. Barnett of Columbia City, Indiana; a granddaughter Joanne, one great grandson,

as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Francis "Dean" Miller; and a brother, Larry.

Shirley had a love for cross stitching, sewing, cooking, traveling the country with Burns, and especially spending time with family and friends. She also adored fishing with Dean and treasured the simple joys of life.

Shirley will be laid to rest privately in the Masonic Cemetery in Warren, Indiana.

BIEBER

Joseph Roger Bieber, age 80, of Warren, Indiana, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away on April 22, 2026 at Heritage



Pointe of Warren, surrounded by the love of his family, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, devotion, and quiet strength.

He was preceded in death by his parents Eldon and Elizabeth Bieber and his wife Nancy. Joe is also survived by, son Mike Bieber, wife Shawn and daughters Shelby and Makenna. He is also survived by his son Jeff, Jeff's wife Jessica, and their daughters Jordan and Jillian. Joe's family was the center of his world, and he took great pride in watching it grow across generations.

He is also survived by his brothers John Porter and Jim Bieber, Jim's wife Kim, and his sister Judy Crom and her husband Phil. Joe shared a special bond with his extended family and was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews, all of whom were proud to call him theirs.

Joe served his country in the United States Air Force. He spent nearly 30 years working as a mechanic at General Electric, where he was known for his skill, dedication, and reliability. Outside of work, he found peace and joy in the outdoors. Whether walking through the woods or

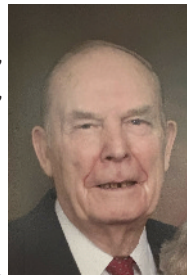
spending time in nature, Joe was most at home with his feet on the ground and the quiet around him.

He will be remembered for his steady presence, his love for family, and the simple, meaningful life he lived. His memory will continue on in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

A graveside service will be held at 1 pm on Monday, April 27, 2026 at Lindenwood Cemetery, 2324 W. Main Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he will be laid to rest next to his wife Nancy.

SILLS

Lloyd Daniel "Danny" Sills, 96, of Bluffton, Indiana, formerly of Jackson Township in Wells County,



passed away at 9:42 am on Friday, April 24, 2026, at River Terrace Retirement Community in Bluffton, Indiana, with his son and daughter-in-law by his side.

Danny, a lifelong resident of Wells County, Indiana, was born on Monday, June 24, 1929, to Leander P. and Stella (Carnes) Sills, who preceded him in death.

He attended Chester Center School and worked on the family farm until beginning employment with Warner Gear (BorgWarner) in 1946.

He took a break when he was drafted into the United States Army in 1950, serving in Korea with Company "B" 76 th Engineer Construction Battalion. As a Sergeant First Class, he participated in the rebuilding of the Han River Bridge. He returned from Korea in November 1952 and married Joyce L. Huss on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1952, in Wells County. Joyce preceded him in death in 2018, four months after they celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Danny rarely sat still. He roofed barns with his brothers and served as a caretaker for cemeteries in Chester and Jackson Townships from 1953

to 1991. He also worked for many years as a meter reader for REMC. After 42 years of service, he retired from Warner Gear (BorgWarner) in 1988. Before moving to River Terrace in 2018, Danny (and Joyce) attended Life Church in Bluffton; afterward, he attended Sunday morning chapel at River Terrace. Danny was a member of the American Legion Post 111 in Bluffton, Indiana, for over 70 years (1954-2026).

A hard worker throughout his life, when things slowed down, he enjoyed word-search puzzles, listening to the Gaither Vocal Band, watching IU basketball, and - most importantly - spending time with his family.

Danny was the last of 13 siblings - his death marking the end of a generation. His 12 siblings who preceded him in death were Claude Sills, Gladys Myers, Russell "Bus" Sills, Leslie "Lex" Sills, Fern Gilland, Ellen Jane "Jane" Elliott, Audry Bell, Paul "Bud" Sills, Wayne Sills, Lee "Junior" Sills, Jr., Melba Ilene "Ennie" Alexander, and Robert "Bob" Sills.

Danny will be deeply missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Londa Sills of Pendleton, Indiana, and grandson, Josiah Daniel "JD" Sills of West Des Moines, Iowa.

In addition to his immediate family, he is also survived by one sister-in-law, Betty Sills of Englewood, Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember Danny at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W Windsor St, Montpelier, Indiana, on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 5:00-8:00 pm.

A service to celebrate Danny's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 30, 2026, with Pastor Joe Webb, of Northview Church (Fishers Campus) officiating. Interment will follow at Jones Cemetery, Warren, Indiana, with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Solace Hospice at 280 Commercial St / PO Box 490, Roanoke, IN 46783.

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I do not generally panic, but these are unprecedented times. I would be quite comfortable with the benefit listed on my 2024 statement for my current age; I was just hoping to maximize the benefit by waiting.

When I go to the Social Security website to view my 2025 annual statement to see the personalized monthly retirement benefit estimates for ages 68, 69, and 70, that section no longer shows. This omission makes me uncomfortable. Can I find out what my current benefit estimate would be for ages 68, 69, and 70? Or should I just rely on the 2024 statement?
Signed: Nervous in Portland

Dear Nervous: Please do not be nervous that recent "turbulent events" pose a threat to your future Social Security benefits. Those events do not, in any way, jeopardize your future Social Security benefits, because Social Security is completely separate from all other federal political issues and finances. The primary problem with Social Security became an issue long before the current administration took office.

The Trustees of Social Security have been warning Congress for decades that Social Security's finances require Congressional attention. The fact is that Social Security revenue (as predicted decades ago) became insufficient to pay all benefit obligations in about 2021. Since that time, money from Social Security's reserved funds (Trust Funds) has been used to pay full benefits to all. In 2020, there was nearly \$3 trillion in SS reserved funds, but that has now dwindled to about \$2.5 trillion as reserves are used to supplement SS payments. And that problem continues. The Trustees of SS now predict that the reserves will be fully depleted in about 2032, at which time – lacking program reform by Congress – Social Security will be forced to pay out only what it receives in revenue. And that would mean an estimated cut of about 23% to everyone's monthly SS benefit. In the unlikely event that happens, wouldn't a 23% reduction to your larger age 70 benefit be better than a 23%

cut to your lower age 68 benefit?

No one wants those cuts to happen – least of all politicians – because it would amount to political suicide (seniors are, after all, a very large voting bloc). Thus, we believe that Congress will act to reform Social Security to prevent any general benefit cuts from happening. It will, however, require Congressional bipartisanship because the reforms needed for Social Security are likely unsavory to some. Those reforms may include SS tax increases and changes to the basic structure of the SS program to align it with today's demographic reality. The program needs reform, which Congress has, unfortunately, neglected to provide for many years. And this neglect will likely also continue, at least through the forthcoming mid-term elections. It seems the nature of Congress is to wait until the last possible moment to offer corrective legislation.

Here's what to keep in mind: Congress already knows how to reform Social Security to avoid any future benefit cuts – they just lack the bipartisanship to accomplish that reform. For our part, the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) has offered to Congress a commonsense reform plan via its "Social Security Guarantee (SSG)." AMAC's proposal has received a positive reception in Congressional circles, and we are optimistic that the proposal will provide financial stability to the program for generations. AMAC continues to advocate for SS reform in Washington, D.C. on a regular basis, even more intensely as the depletion of the SS Trust Funds grows closer.

We do not suggest changing your strategy for claiming Social Security benefits based upon fear the program will cut benefits. That's because it's unlikely that all benefits will be cut because we believe Congress will eventually enact reform. And even in the unlikely event that Congress neglects to reform the program by 2032, the percentage of reduction to a higher monthly SS benefit amount would be better than a similar reduction to a lower benefit amount. In

other words, your original plan is still a prudent one.

Regarding your question about your estimated benefits, I expect your most recent SS statement didn't include future benefits because you are already collecting SS survivor benefits. You can contact SSA at 1.800.772.1213 to obtain the future SS retirement estimates you seek.

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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.mac.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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Forgery. Criminals have long forged the legitimate signature or altered the payee or amount on a check. However, artificial intelligence (AI) is making it easier than ever to do so with accuracy.

Check Washing. Criminals "wash" a check, using chemicals like acetone or bleach to erase the payee and amount, then rewrite the check to themselves for their amount of choice.

Counterfeits. Criminals create entirely fake checks that look real using stolen account information.

Check Return Schemes. Criminals will send what they claim is a paycheck or other payment by way of a check where they "overpay." They ask you to deposit it, then return the "extra" money back before it's discovered that the check is fake.

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