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Thought for the Week: Old age is not so bad when you consider the alternatives. Maurice Chevalier

## ALL PAYER CLAIMS

### DATABASE

The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) announces the launch of the Indiana All Payer Claims Database (APCD) website. The Indiana APCD is a statewide database that collects healthcare claims information from various sources, such as health insurers, and provides valuable healthcare insights for all Hoosiers.

This interactive tool allows consumers to shop for health care services by comparing price and quality of care across the state. For example, if you are in need of a knee replacement you can select your insurance, procedure, and zip code on the database. You will then see a list of healthcare providers that perform the service within a certain distance of your zip code, the quality rating for that facility, and the average out-of-pocket cost.

"The Indiana All Payer Claims Database website will provide valuable insights into healthcare costs, quality, and utilization patterns across our state. By making this data accessible, the APCD website will be an invaluable tool in driving data-based decisions, and ultimately enhance the well-being of Indiana residents," said IDOI Commissioner Amy L. Beard.

In addition to the benefits for healthcare consumers, the Indiana APCD may provide valuable information to employers, researchers, and policy makers. Indiana employers can glean more information about the quality of care their employees receive and strengthen their decision making about benefit design and network optimization for employees. Additionally, researchers and policy makers can study healthcare utilization

and cost trends by service type and location across the state.

Improving healthcare price transparency has been a priority for Governor Holcomb. The Indiana APCD was part of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Agenda and authorized by the Indiana General Assembly.

"Our partnership with Onpoint marks a significant milestone in advancing our data management capabilities. We're confident that this collaboration will enhance our ability to deliver innovative data insights that will benefit our stakeholders across the state," said Jonathan Handsborough, Executive Director of the IDOI APCD.

The Indiana Department of Insurance partnered with OnPoint Health Data to create the APCD. OnPoint developed the first-of-its-kind APCD for Maine in 2003 and is a recognized industry leader on APCDs, developing more than 50% of the APCDs nationally since that time. The Indiana APCD adheres to industry-leading data privacy and security standards and follows the strictest federal and state security requirements.

Visit the Indiana APCD website at <https://www.apcd.idoi.in.gov/>.

About the Indiana Department of Insurance

The Indiana Department of Insurance protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The department monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The department also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides

guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

### STOP FOR BUSES

As students head back to the classroom, state and local law enforcement agencies are reminding motorists to be on the lookout for school bus stop arms. As school begins, officers will be increasing patrols to prevent stop-arm violations, speeding, and reckless driving around school buses and school zones.

The patrols are part of the Stop Arm Violation Enforcement campaign – better known as SAVE. These patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Despite thousands of motorists being cited under the SAVE program, unsafe driving around school buses continues to be a serious danger to children, according to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS).

In April, thousands of bus drivers who participated in a one-day observational survey counted 1,574 stop-arm violations in Indiana. Projected across a 180-day school year, this survey data points to a potential 283,320 violations throughout the school year.

The data comes from the NASDPTS annual survey, which is managed by the Indiana Department of Education for the state of Indiana. This year, data collection took place on April 23, with 4,910 bus drivers participating.

"There is no excuse for drivers to put the lives of students in danger," said ICJI Traffic Safety Director James Bryan. "Drivers need to exercise caution

around school buses and follow all traffic statutes."

To prevent unsafe driving, officers will use a range of enforcement strategies from high-visibility patrols to police spotters on buses. For each jurisdiction, officers will coordinate with local bus drivers and school transportation officials, with efforts concentrating in the morning and afternoon hours. Agencies will also be working to raise awareness about the importance of school bus safety and following the law.

Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop when the overhead lights on a school bus are flashing yellow. Once the lights turn red and the stop arm extends, drivers are required to stop on all roads with only one exception. On highways divided by a physical barrier, such as a concrete wall or grassy median, only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop in these circumstances.

Motorists should also be mindful of posted speed limits, avoid distractions, and watch for children in, or near, school and residential areas. Planning ahead and allowing for extra time during each commute will help keep all road users safe.

### ROAD CLOSURE

INDOT announces the closure of State Road 5 for a bridge deck overlay.

Starting on or after August 5, crews will be working north of Majenica between W 300 S and W 350 S. Work on the project is expected to be complete by the end of October. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

During the closure drivers should use the approved detour of I-69 and U.S. 224, or seek an alternate route.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by

slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when traveling in and around all work zones.

### CHARITY SCAMS

Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to watch out for scammers soliciting donations for fake charitable causes. Good Samaritans started a legitimate fundraising effort to support families of those killed and wounded during the July 13 attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump, but scammers have used this tragedy to start their own copycat efforts to lure donors to give money to imposter accounts.

"These fraudsters appeal to people's natural sense of compassion and patriotism in order to steal their hard-earned money," Attorney General Rokita said. "Although most of us are appalled by such vile conduct, this is exactly the way scammers think and operate. They try to take advantage of difficult circumstances for their own personal gain. We want to help good-hearted Hoosiers avoid falling for these schemes."

Attorney General Todd Rokita encourages Hoosiers to exercise caution not only in regard to this specific scam but anytime they receive solicitations related to high-profile news events that scammers may attempt to exploit.

In regard to solicitations involving political figures and causes, caution is especially warranted during an election year when many Hoosiers will receive more emails, phone calls and other communications from political organizations.

Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips:

\* Slow down. A real charity will accept your donations any day

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**Kudos, Kicks & Karats**



It's wedding week, so many things to do very little time, but we are ready to go. Hopefully no hiccups, but we will work right through them.

I remember 38 years ago when it was John and I's wedding day. We were very untraditional, they say it's bad luck to see each other until walking down the aisle, well we were together all day until time to get dressed. Lol.

We never had rehearsal we just did our thing, but still had a very nice wedding.

So this week we're just going with the flow, the wedding planner, that's me, has got this all in her head how it's gonna go, I just hope it goes.

Have a great week and I'll try to report back next week

**RECOVERING FROM MISTAKES**

by Bryan Golden

As careful as you may be, you will make mistakes. Although it's not possible to live mistake free, there are effective strategies you can use to recover from your mistakes.

Let's start by considering basic causes of mistakes. You are impatient and act too quickly. You lack knowledge or expertise. You don't have enough information to make a sound decision. You make a decision based on wrong information. Regardless of the cause, you need to recover from your mistakes. Once you have recovered, you can identify and address the cause.

The difference between making a mistake and failing is your response. Successful people use mistakes as a stepping stone to future achievements. Those who give up transform a mistake into a guaranteed failure.

Mistakes are fixed through corrective action. Doing nothing exacerbates the mistake, making it harder to repair. But before a mistake can be fixed it must be recognized. Denying that a mistake has been made prevents you from repairing it. Taking responsibility for your mistakes is the first step to moving forward to success.

When a mistake has been made, you have to find answers to four important questions. What happened? Why did it happen? What did you learn? What can you do to prevent it from happening again? Accurate and honest answers to these questions are invaluable.

When a mistake happens, stay composed. You need a calm mind in order to accurately assess your options and decide what step to take next. Stress inhibits your ability for sound reasoning. Don't get stuck lamenting your mistake. You won't feel good about what happened but you can't change the past. Pick yourself up and start moving forward.

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| <p><b>ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier<br/>             Nick Miller, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             8924S 900W 35<br/>             Harold Smith, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             Steve Nevius, Pastor<br/>             Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.<br/>             Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br/>             Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199<br/>             Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp<br/>             Handicap Accessible<br/>             Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099</p> <p><b>HEALING WATERS MINISTRY —</b><br/> <b>5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA</b><br/>             Pastor Wayne Couch<br/>             260/515-2517<br/>             Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Daycare provided during Worship</p> <p><b>DILLMAN UNITED BRETHERN</b><br/>             8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779<br/>             Matt Kennedy, Pastor<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>             101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726<br/>             Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor<br/>             Worship..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE NEW BEGINNING</b><br/>             SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto<br/>             Steve Sutton, Pastor<br/>             765/728-2065 for more info<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Thursday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HERITAGE POINTE</b><br/>             Chaplains Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &amp; Cindy Osgood<br/>             Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Mon-Fri Chapel Services ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday Catholic Mass ..... 1:00p.m.<br/>             Thurs. Catholic Mass ..... 10:30a.m.</p> <p><b>WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             727 N Wayne St, Warren<br/>             260-375-2811<br/>             office@warrenfirsbaptist.net<br/>             Pator Rusty Strickler<br/>             Youth Dir: Peter &amp; Mindy Fairchild<br/>             Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.<br/>             Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.<br/>             Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30<br/>             Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p><b>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             375-2510<br/>             Pastor Steven Spencer<br/>             Bus Service 375-2510<br/>             www.warrennaz.org<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>             485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN<br/>             375-3873<br/>             John Boyanowski, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.<br/>             Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LANCASTER WESLEYAN</b><br/>             3147 W 543 S, Huntington<br/>             765.251.2322<br/>             Ron Forsythe, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesdays:<br/>             Bible Study &amp; Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>             694-6622<br/>             Aaron Westfall, Pastor<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 10:15a.m.<br/>             Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.<br/>             Monthly Meetings<br/>             1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.<br/>             3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am<br/>             4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             Pastor Diane Samuels<br/>             Fellowship Time .....9:00a.m.<br/>             Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH AT MCNATT</b><br/>             375-4359<br/>             Bill VanHaften, Pastor<br/>             Lois Slusher, Supt.<br/>             Brittney Miller, Youth &amp; Family Dir.<br/>             Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.<br/>             Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH</b><br/>             260/468-2148 Sr 9 &amp; 124<br/>             Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"<br/>             Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 - 9:45<br/>             Worship Service .....10:00 - 11:00<br/>             Everyone is Welcome</p> <p><b>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHERN</b><br/>             468-2412<br/>             Mel Zumbrun, Pastor<br/>             Worship .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Church School ..... 10:45a.m.</p> | <p><b>1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN</b><br/>             375-2102<br/>             www.firstccw.net<br/>             Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor<br/>             Takarra Myers, Youth Director<br/>             office@firstccw.net<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Youth Sunday School during<br/>             Worship Service<br/>             Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:00 p.m.<br/>             Communion 1st Sunday of the Month</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>             765/934-3321 Parsonage<br/>             Jeff Slater, Pastor<br/>             Jim Knight, Superintendent<br/>             Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>             Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>             Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.<br/>             Evening Praise Hour ..... 6:00p.m.<br/>             Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.</p> <p><b>VB CHURCH OF THE VINE</b><br/>             765-934-1431<br/>             Pastor Brad Hensley<br/>             vanburenchurchofthevine@gmail.com<br/>             Worship Service ..... 9:30 am<br/>             Sunday School ..... 10:45am<br/>             Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm<br/>             Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm<br/>             Men Serving God Group ... 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9am<br/>             Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am<br/>             Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>             375-3022<br/>             Mickey Strong, Senior Minister<br/>             Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister<br/>             Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.<br/>             Tara Bower - Secretary<br/>             www.warrenchurchofchrist.org<br/>             Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.<br/>             Worship &amp; Communion .....9:30 a.m.<br/>             Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.<br/>             Youth:<br/>             K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm<br/>             Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm</p> <p><b>FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>             11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN<br/>             765-618-0027<br/>             Pastor Al Soultz<br/>             Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am<br/>             Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am<br/>             Wed. Bible Study .....7:00 pm</p> |
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# AREA NEWS

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of the week. Take as much time as you need to research and feel confident about the organization before handing over your hard-earned money.

\* Know that it's OK to ask questions. If the request for a donation is over the phone, the caller should be able to answer critical questions.

\* Know who's making the request. Don't assume a request to donate is legitimate because a friend posted it on social media. Your friend might not personally know about the charity or how it spends money.

\* Make sure you are dealing with the real charitable organization. Be leery of year-end appeals from unknown or unfamiliar organizations you receive by phone, mail, email and/or social media.

\* Always donate by credit card rather than cash or other methods. This will ensure you can access the protections available through your credit card company.

\* Research the cause or the organization. Search online for the name of the organization or cause with words like "review," "scam," or "complaint." See if others have had good or bad experiences with the charity. Check out what charity watchdog groups say about that organization.

\* Look up a charity's report and ratings on these websites:

CharityNavigator.org  
CharityWatch.org  
Give.org  
Guidestar.org

If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or call Attorney General Rokita's office at 1-800-382-5516.

## SHIPSHEWANA & OAK RIDGE BOYS TRIP

### PART 3: HISTORY OF THE MUSICAL GROUP

by Larry Ryan  
Although originally based in Knoxville, Tennessee, they first performed in Oak Ridge, TN at the Grove Theater in 1943. Initially called the Oak Ridge Quartet, their career was aided by Wally Fowler, "Mr. Gospel Music" of East Tennessee. Oak Ridge, located just west of Knoxville, was known for developing the atomic bomb.

The group began making regular appearances at the Grand Ole Opry in 1945. They became one of the top gospel musical groups in the nation by the mid-fifties.

The quartet began experimenting with a name change to The Oak Ridge Boys after hosting a TV program in 1962. It became official in 1966. Even though their fame grew, some members left and others were added. By the 1970's the performers included Duane Allen, William Lee Golden, Richard Anthony Sterban, and Joe Bonsall. When Allen was recruited, he declined, stating that one semester was needed to attain his college diploma. Afterwards he was drafted by the Army, but failed the physical exam. He immediately drove to Nashville to see if there was a possibility to join the other musicians. Upon his timely arrival, the group decided not to disband!

The group's signature song, "Elvira" was originally written and recorded by Dallas Frazier in 1966. The Oak Ridge Boys recorded the song in 1973. They sing it at every performance.

People automatically stand up during the song much like what happens during the Hallelujah Chorus. The title is a fictional name and not attributed to a woman, but to a street in Madison, Tennessee. Why? As a side note, since then the name has been closely associated with "Elvira, Mistress of the Dark." For four decades, Cassandra Peterson has been

costumed in black with a beehive wig as Queen of Halloween.

The song, "Bobbie Sue" was released in 1982. It is not about a lady but a friend's baby who could only say 'baba' when requesting a bottle. An idea developed into 'ba ba ba ba Bobbie Sue' which was written by Wood Newton, Dan Tyler, and Adele Tyler. The group has recently received the Bob Hope Award for Excellence in Entertainment. Prior to this they were nominated for a Bluegrass/Country Album of the Year for recording, "Rock of Ages, Hymns and Gospel Favorites."

In addition, The Oak Ridge Boys were honored with a nomination for "Sweet Jesus," a Country Song of the Year.

The lead singers for the group have evolved from Wally Fowler to Tommy Fairchild to Duane Allen who joined in 1967. Also initiated that same year was baritone William Lee Golden. The deep bass voice belongs to Richard Sterban who arrived in 1972. The latter three previously performed as part of a quartet on the TV show, "Hee Haw." A previous member, Gary McSpadden passed away in 2020. Recently, 27 year old tenor Ben James replaced an ailing Joe Bonsall. The bearded William Lee Golden has not shaved or altered his chin whiskers since 1980. He learned during that amount of time a beard will turn gray and stop growing!

In recent time, the 'Boys' have performed 150 shows per year. They have the distinction of performing for 40 consecutive years at the Kentucky State Fair. Joe Bonsall passed away in July of 2024.

## 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 – Does Congress Pay Into Social Security?**

Dear Rusty: I've been told that members of Congress do not have Social Security deducted from their pay; Additionally, that their retirement dollars come from the Social Security Administration purse even if they only serve as a member of Congress for a short number of terms. Also, if this is true, are there other individuals that enjoy these advantages?

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Concerned Senior

Dear Concerned Senior: I'm afraid this is one of those "urban legend" kind of rumors that just seems to keep popping up, especially when the issues surrounding Social Security's financial problems come up. In addition to being untrue, it often is used to display the public's animosity toward elected officials and the feeling that Congress—and other elected officials—are above the fray, so to speak, and therefore not affected by the implications of Social Security's looming insolvency problem.

Here's the reality. Since January 1, 1984, all members of

Congress, the President and Vice President, Federal judges, and most political appointees, are covered under the Social Security program. The rumor that these elected officials do not pay Social Security tax most likely is attributable to the fact that from 1920 to 1983, they were participants in the Civil Service Retirement System – CSRS – the federal retirement plan federal workers used even before the Social Security Act was passed. CSRS provided a pension for federal employees, so they were exempted from contributing to or collecting from the new Social Security program.

In 1987, then, the federal government officially changed over to FERS – the Federal Employee Retirement System – and all employees hired from that point forward are now covered under FERS. There are multiple parts to FERS, and one of them is mandatory FICA contributions. So, all federal employees—including members of Congress—are subject to the 6.2% FICA tax, are eligible for Social Security retirement benefits, and are governed by the multitude of rules and regulations associated with Social Security. But other than standard SS benefits which they may normally be entitled, no Social Security funds are used to supplement Congressional retirement.

In other words, the rumor that Congress didn't pay into Social Security was actually true prior to 1984, but today it is a misstatement of fact. And the federal employee retirement plans (both the prior CSRS plan and the current FERS plan) are totally independent of Social

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**Weekly Specials  
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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.

Aug 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Aug 7	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 12	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Aug 13	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Aug 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Aug 21	7:00p	VB - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Aug 30	6:30p	W - Whoa Man @ Riverside Park
Sep 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Sep 4	7:00p	VB - 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](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)**

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Security and do not negatively affect program solvency.

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**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BORROWING MONEY FOR COLLEGE**

(StatePoint) College-related costs are at an all-time high, and while many parents harbor concerns about the expense, they value the education their child is receiving.

That's according to the April 2024 College Ave survey. The survey found that while 89% of parents of four-year college students believe a college degree is important for their child's future, 78% agree that paying for college is stressful.

"Families today are relying on a mix of sources to fund college, including scholarships, federal aid and grants, income and savings, and in some cases, private student loans," says Angela Colatrisano, chief marketing officer, College Ave.

According to Colatrisano, it's critical to understand the ins and outs of borrowing for college before taking out a loan. If you believe your family will take this path, here's everything you need to know:

1. Exhaust other options. Many experts agree that private loans only make sense once other financial aid options are exhausted. After filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), you'll receive a financial aid package from each school, which may include scholarships, grants and federal student loans. If your selected school is one of the 400 institutions that requires the CSS profile, submit that

application, too to qualify for institutional aid. And of course, don't forget to apply to private scholarships to access funds that don't need to be repaid.

2. Do the math. Federal student loans in the student's name offer unique benefits, so if you do need to borrow, start there. If you decide that a private student loan or private parent loan is also right for your family, borrow only the minimum amount needed to save over the life of the loan. This is a good time to explore additional avenues for reducing your financing needs, such as renting textbooks, and buying groceries versus paying into the school meal plan.

3. Understand loan costs. Unlike federal loans, which have fixed interest rates for all borrowers, private student loans offer a choice of fixed or variable interest rates. Shop around for a lender that doesn't charge origination fees, and learn the difference between fixed and variable interest rates. Use CollegeAve.com's student loan calculator to get a sense of the overall cost of a given loan and its monthly loan payments.

4. Compare lender repayment options. Another factor to consider when shopping for a lender is repayment terms. Some lenders, like College Ave, let borrowers choose how long they want to repay their loan, and whether to start making payments immediately or defer until after graduation. The important thing is to select a loan with budget-friendly terms and a monthly payment you can live with.

5. Apply with a cosigner. Private student loan lenders look at income and credit history to determine a student's ability to repay the loan. If approved, their credit history also impacts the interest rate they're offered. Many college students don't have an established credit history or sufficient income and may not get approved for a private loan on their own. Your student can improve their chances of getting approved and securing a lower interest rate by adding a cosigner to their loan application. The cosigner should understand that they share equal responsibility for repayment if the student falls behind on payments.

Bottom line? Researching financial aid options, applying for scholarships and being a strategic borrower can help your family get on with what matters most: preparing for a bright future.

**QUOTE:**

If any one faculty of our nature may be called more wonderful than the rest, I do think it is memory. There seems something more speakingly incomprehensible in the powers, the failures, the inequalities of memory, than in any other of our intelligences.

The memory is sometimes so retentive, so serviceable, so obedient; at others, so bewildered and so weak; and at others again, so tyrannic, so beyond control! We are, to be sure, a miracle every way; but our powers of recollecting and of forgetting do seem peculiarly past finding out.

Jane Austen

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After a mistake has been made, the first priority is dealing with the immediate consequences and limiting damage. For example, when a sailor's boat is damaged in a storm, leaks must be plugged immediately before any other repairs are made.

Recovering from mistakes requires an open mind and flexibility. You have to take a step back so that you can keep things in perspective while looking at the big picture. Make a list of all possible strategies. Then go through your list and prioritize. Be willing to change direction if needed.

If you don't know what you should do next, seek out those who have successfully recovered from similar mistakes. People who have not had this experience may provide you with faulty advice.

Keep a positive, can-do attitude. If you tell your mind there's no hope, there is virtually no chance for you to recover from your mistake. The right mindset is essential for you to move forward successfully.

Once you have determined the appropriate course of action, take action. Nothing happens until you do something. Wishing and hoping alone are ineffective. Your first priority is to limit further damages or negative consequences. Your second priority is to repair any damage that has already occurred.

Once things are under control, you'll have time to determine what went wrong and why. You certainly don't want to repeat the same mistake. The only way to avoid this is through a thorough understanding of the root cause along with a determination to make any necessary changes.

Don't get disheartened by your mistakes. They are an excellent learning opportunity. The sting of even your worst mistakes fades with time. Study other successful people and analyze what they do to recover from their mistakes.

Here's how you recover from mistakes in a nutshell. Recognize when you make a mistake. Take responsibility for the mistake. Immediately take action to limit additional damage. Repair any damage that has occurred. Make changes to prevent the same mistake from recurring. Mistakes are part of life but you can recover from them.

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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### RISH

Darline Hazel Rish, 93, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2024.

She was born on July 21, 1930, the daughter of Charles and Hilda Faulk.

On August 27, 1949, Darline married the love of her life, Donald Rish. Together they shared 59 beautiful years of marriage until his passing in 2008.

Her life was a testament to love, family and simple joys.

Darline had a remarkable green thumb and loved spending time in her garden.

Her culinary skills were well known. She found great joy in cooking for her loved ones, the mail man and her doctors at the Cancer Center.

Thursdays were a special highlight, as Darline enjoyed having tacos with her grandchildren.

Above all, she loved her family. Her devotion to her family was unwavering.

Darline leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Her kindness, warmth and love for life will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Darline is survived by children, Dixie (Jeff) Peery, Darla Bright, Donald Rish, Daniel Rish and Dea (Joe) Campbell; siblings, Mildred Joan and Sandy; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Donald Rish, daughter, Debbie Haupthof, granddaughter, Amy Jo Poling, ten siblings and sons-in-law, John Haupthof and Ray Bright.

Family and friends may call from noon until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel of Serenity, Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel of Serenity, 11201 S. Marion Rd. 35, Marion.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel of Serenity, Marion.

### SMITH

The iconic life of Ira C. Smith, Napa CA, signed off on July 20, 2024.

Born in his parents' bedroom in Plum Tree, Indiana on July 18, 1936, Ira had a passionate lifetime love of sports. He captained his high school basketball team and, true to his Hoosier roots, always preferred that sport above all others.

Ira was the first in his family to graduate from college, receiving both a business degree from Hanover College in 1958 and a broadcasting certificate from the Univ. of Cincinnati in 1964. In between those two college stints he served in the U.S. Army, where he got his first introduction to broadcasting. That led to a remarkable 60-year career in broadcasting, serving at radio stations in Indiana and Michigan (including play-by-play for University of Michigan football) before moving across the country in 1976 to Napa, California and KVON (1440 AM)/KVYN (99.3 FM).

Ira became "The Voice of Napa Valley Sports," delivering sports updates and providing live play-by-play coverage of literally thousands of high school football, basketball and other games over a 48-year span. He never retired, calling a playoff basketball game in February at age 87. He just recently finalized his fall '24 football broadcast schedule.

In addition to his radio exploits, Ira served for several years as the in-arena public address announcer for the Sacramento Kings and voiced the first "NBA 2K" video game. He also hosted, MC'd and announced more community events than anyone could ever count.

So far Ira is a member of three different halls of fame: the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame, the Napa High Athletic Hall of Fame and the Vintage High Athletic Hall of Fame. The Napa City Council declared September 10, 2022 "Ira C. Smith Day."



The Napa Valley community was incredibly important to Ira and he served it in innumerable ways. Among many civic and volunteer roles, his favorites were with the Kiwanis Club of Napa, the Napa Chamber of Commerce and the Napa Valley Tennis Association. When fires hit the Valley, he spent long hours in the radio station's studio, live on the air providing updates, guidance, and reassurance to Napans.

Ira is survived by his brothers Tom (Lisa) and Charles (Mary), sons Brad (Kristy) and Tyler (Heather), daughter Heidi Horton (Coby) and ex-wife Virginia Yee, along with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Smith family will conduct a private service in Warren, Indiana and there will be a public celebration of Ira's life, career and commitment to the Napa Valley community on Saturday, August 24 at 11:00am at Messner Gym on the campus of Napa High School (2475 Jefferson Street).

### WOLF

Jaquetta "Jackie" Wolf, 96, of Jonesboro, passed away on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Colonial Oaks Health and Rehab, Marion.

Born on March 25, 1927, in Marion, she was the daughter of Oren and Goldie Hewitt.

Jackie was married to the love of her life, Marion Wolf, for 75 years until his passing in 2020.

She enjoyed a long career at Crystal Laundry, Jonesboro, before retiring, so she continued to work part-time cleaning houses.

Jackie's love for her family was profound and she cherished their gatherings.

Her crafting skills, particularly her crocheting of doilies and afghans, were a testament to this love. She lovingly made afghans for each of her grandchildren a tangible expression of her affection.

Jackie is survived by her sons, Gary (Susie) Wolf, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Ronald Wolf, of Jonesboro, and Lyndal (Lorraine) Wolf, of Van Buren.

She also is survived by eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; numerous extended family members and friends.

Jackie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Marion, her brothers, Gerald Hewitt, Charles Hewitt and Lawrence Hewitt, and her granddaughter, Christi Sue Wolf.

A funeral service to celebrate Jackie's life was on Tuesday, July 31, 2024, at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Gas City Chapel, 200 N. Seventh St., Gas City.

Following the service, Jackie was entombed at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

### WILKERSON

Dault Dean Wilkerson, 67, of rural Warren, joined his family and friends in heaven on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Thursday, Aug. 9, 1956, in Huntington.

Dault was a 1975 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Poneto.

He had worked at Cafe Valley, Marion, Pretzels, Bluffton, Dunham's, Marion, Indiana Veneer, Montpelier, and was a truck driver at City Beverage, Huntington.

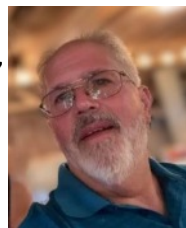
Dault was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed all aspects of nature, especially hunting and fishing.

He was a lifelong Harley-Davidson lover.

Dault's greatest joy in life was spending time with his family and friends.

His commitment to his family and friends was like no other, including fishing, camping and hunting trips, you could always count on him to be at every party or function that he was invited to.

Dault will be sadly missed by his brothers, Randy (Lana) Wilkerson, of Montpelier, and Taryl Wilkerson, of Warren; sisters, Zedra Miller, of Frisco City, Ala., and Dalaine (Ronald)



Warner, of Markle; nieces and nephews, Tina, Tim, Brian, Robert, Cara, Kristi, Sarah, David, Rochelle, Dennis Jr., Emily and Kate; several great-nieces and great-nephews; lifelong friends, Mike Murray and Rob Jones.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Wilkerson, mother, Mary L. (Rochelle) Wilkerson, brother-in-law, Dennis Miller, and nephew, Joseph Robert Wilkerson.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, from 2 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, from 10 to 11 a.m.

A service to celebrate Dault's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, with Pastor Steven Lakie officiating.

Interment will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to ABATE and/or Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

### JONES

Karen R. Jones, 86, of Gas City, passed away at 11:37 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Heritage of Huntington.

She was born in Marion on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1937, to Fred S. and M. Adren (Williams) Pinkerton.

Karen was married to Jerry E. Jones, who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Van Buren High School in 1955.

Karen worked briefly at SS Kresge and Anaconda Wire & Cable before taking on the role of a lifetime - being a stay-at-home mom and raising her three girls.

She grew up attending Nelson Street Wesleyan Church and was a member of Beaver Dam Church.

Karen was a loving and giving woman and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

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She will be most remembered for her cooking and baking skills as well as her immense talent with yarn. Many, many people will fondly remember her peanut butter balls and the many other sweets she made and gave away. Many babies and family members have been warmed by crocheted afghans she hand made.

Survivors include her daughters, Theresa Leffler, of Gas City, Monique Jones, of Mesa, Ariz., and Michele Jones-Wells (David Wells), of Markle; grandson, Max (Elizabeth) Leffler, of Fort Wayne; great-grandson, Benjamin Leffler; sister, Laurel Gaunt; brother, Charles Pinkerton; boyfriend, David Feldman.

Karen also was preceded in death by her brothers, David G. Pinkerton, W. Ronald Pinkerton and Fred K. Pinkerton.

The family received visitors on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Karen's life began with Pastor Ron Forsythe officiating.

Burial took place at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion.

**PEARSON**

Ruth E. Pearson, 89, of Jonesboro, passed away at 6:06 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Wesleyan Health Care & Rehabilitation Center, Marion.

She was born in Marion on Sunday, Sept. 16, 1934, to George A. Luckey and Florence E. (Jenkins) Luckey.

On May 10, 1957, Ruth married Robert Pearson. They were married for 45 years.

She enjoyed being a homemaker for her family.

Ruth was a long-time member of Jonesboro Friends Church.

She volunteered at Marie Webster's Quilters Hall of Fame and Gilead Ministries.

Ruth loved cooking and making things, especially homemade noodles.

She loved traveling, especially on her bus trips.

Ruth enjoyed going to see lighthouses and even collected lighthouses and "cats' meows" from her trips.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch and quilting.

Ruth also enjoyed bird watching, especially hummingbirds and butterflies. Most of all, she loved her family. She loved when her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would come to visit. Her eyes would just light up.

Survivors include her sons, Kenneth (Cheryl) Pearson, of Milford, and John (Lorena) Pearson, of Jonesboro; daughter, Nancy (Jeff) Slater, of Van Buren; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, George Luckey and Florence Luckey, husband, Robert Pearson, sisters, Catherine Nelson and Martha Roberts, and brother, James Luckey.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Ruth's life will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Jeffrey A. Slater officiating.

Burial will take place at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Gilead Ministries, 212 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952, Quilters Hall of Fame, 926 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953 or Jonesboro Friends Church, 513 S. Water St., Jonesboro, IN 46938.

**SPEAR**

Donna McCoy Spear, 57, of Markle, passed away at 12:39 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, following a seven-year battle with cancer.

Donna was born in Bloomington on Sept. 19, 1966. She was the daughter of Peggy (Wilson) McCoy of Avon and the late William A. McCoy. Donna was raised in Williamsport and West Lebanon of Warren County. She graduated from Seeger Memorial High School in 1984. She attended the University of Alabama and received her degree in political science from Purdue University. She later received her law degree from Valparaiso University.

After receiving her law degree, Donna went to work for the Porter County Prosecutor's Office. Following her marriage, she moved to Lafayette and began working for the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission in Indianapolis as a staff attorney. In 1996, Donna moved to Wells County and served as deputy prosecutor for Wells County. She also joined the private practice at Lautzenheiser, Myers & Holdman and was a managing partner in the Wells County Land Title Company. The law firm later became Lautzenheiser, Myers & Spear. She left the prosecutor's office in 2005 and started her own private practice, predominantly serving as a Guardian Ad Litem throughout much of Northeast Indiana until May 2024. During this time, Donna served three consecutive terms on the Northern Wells Community Schools Board. She was a member of the Zanesville United Methodist Church, now known as the Tower Life Center. She was a member of the Indiana Bar Association and the Wells County Bar Association. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cooking, baking and raising a flower garden. She especially enjoyed traveling and treasured the time spent with her family.

On June 27, 1992, Donna married David L. Spear in the Old Church in Attica. She leaves behind her husband of 32 years, along with three children, Katie (Chad) Landez of Fort Wayne, Emily (Conner) Selch of Louisville, Kentucky, and Sam (Ruby) Spear of Warren; her mother, Peggy McCoy of Avon; her brother, James David McCoy of Avon; a step-sister, Rebecca (Kenny) Hutson of Franklin; her father-in-law, James Spear of Ossian; her granddogs and grandcats; her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, William McCoy; her father figure, Malcolm Sturm, and her mother-in-law, Judith Spear.

The visitation will be held from 2-7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11, at "The Paddock", 7221 E. State Road 14 in Columbia City. A celebration of Donna's life


will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, at "The Paddock" with the Rev. Mike Murrell officiating. Burial will follow in the Horeb Cemetery in Uniondale. If planning to attend, to honor Donna's wishes, the family kindly asks that dark colors be avoided. Bright or vibrant attire is preferred. Think Easter Sunday!

Obituary memorial contributions may be made to the Wells County Foundation, 222 W. Market St., Bluffton, IN 46714.

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