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Thought for the Week: In spite of the cost of living, it's still popular. Laurence J. Peter



SWEETWATER ALL STARS AT RIVERSIDE PARK

The Sweetwater All Stars are an eight piece rhythm and blues band, from Fort Wayne, IN. The Sweetwater All Stars include Bob Bailey (vocals, guitar), Lisa McDavid (vocals), Andrew Glasmacher (vocals, drums), Rolin Mains (vocals, keyboards), Dave Martin (bass) and the All Stars Horns – Brett Kelsey (Trumpet), Marcus Farr (trombone), and Sweetwater founder, Chuck Surack on saxophone. The group focuses on classic R&B songs from Motown, Stax, Chess, and Atlantic artists.

They will be performing at Riverside Park in Warren from 7 to 9 pm on Friday, July 25. Bring a blanket and/or chairs and come enjoy the music! Check out the local eateries and see what Food trucks are available.

VB COUNCIL NOTES

The Van Buren Town Council held its regular meeting Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Van Buren Town Hall. Council President Jerry Caudill called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Mark Towery motioned to approve previous meeting minutes; council member Katie Freeburn seconded. 3-0. Minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS: Waneta Linton was asking about getting properties cleaned up before the Popcorn Festival. Cayla Duckwall, owner of Mama Ducks, wanted to let the council know that she will be tearing up the asphalt in front

of her store. She will be putting in gravel. She was also asking about a sidewalk in front of her property along St Rd 5.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 3-2024: Mark motioned to approve General Ordinance 3-2024, making part-time employee Andrew Hamilton a full-time employee; Katie seconded. 3-0.

GENERAL ORDINANCE 4-2024: Mark motioned to approve General Ordinance 4-2024, making Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debra Poe a salary position and giving her a raise; Katie seconded. 3-0.

POLICE: Marshal Skyler Beard reported that he would like to amend Ordinance 2-1994, changing it from vacant to all

properties, for property maintenance. Katie motioned to approve the amendment; Mark seconded. 3-0.

UTILITIES: Utility Supervisor Donnie Plummer reported that both plants are running well. The south water tower will begin maintenance Monday, July 22nd.

ENGINEER: The town's engineer, Eric Woodmansee reported that he is finishing the easements for the stormwater project on Washington St. Once finished, he will send out for bids.

CHURCH CAMPING WEEKEND

Camping Weekend @ Mt. Etna Community Life Church!! FREE family fun for the whole family, including music, food, games, etc. This year we will have two nights of LIVE music (Barrel Scrapers Bluegrass Band and Troy Oswald Band). There will also be fire station tours @ Mt. Etna Fire Station and ice cream provided by the church. This is a community event. Come on out for a great time! We are excited to put it all together!! For a complete schedule or questions, text messages can be sent to 260.224.0179.

VETERANS PARK

Have you noticed the flags next to Riverside Park? That is Warren's new Veterans Park. More info to come late on that.

Mr. George Keplinger is in the process of compiling a book of all area veterans. How can you help? If you have a veteran in your family, or are a veteran yourself, please write down the veteran's name, branch of service and dates served.

Mail it to 720 Breedlove Drive, Warren IN 46792.

SIGMA PHI

Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma held their Installation of Officers Tuesday July 16, 2024 at the Knight-Bergman Civic Center. The Hostesses for the evening were Claudia Boxell, Tara Korporal and Beth Ostermeyer. A potato bar was served with drinks and ice cream for dessert.

Sharon Gebhart installed our officers: President Kelly Jones, Vice President Dawn Fowler, Treasurer Beth Ostermeyer, Organizer Jamie Straley, Service Secretary Tara Korporal, Editor Pam Rudy, Social & Correspondence Secretary Sondra Zabel and Counselor Claudia Boxell.

Other members attending were Carol Irick, Betty Yoder and Sandy Booher. The Officers will take over Tuesday September 3, 2024.

SHIPSHEWANA AND THE OAK RIDGE BOYS TRIP PART 1

by Larry Ryan
It was advertised as the Oak Ridge Boys farewell show tour. So, on June 28, 2024, a bus load of 49 passengers left Warren, Indiana at 8:15 am to attend this musician's concert. It was 60 degrees on Thursday, therefore a light sweater was an added accompaniment. The yellow sunshine, which glared down from a bright, blue sky, filtered through the bus windows. The east side window blinds were lowered to lessen the intense light.

A much-needed rain from the previous night was welcomed by the soy bean fields. Corn stalks appreciated

the moisture too as they were stretching their branches upwards. The wheat fields had been recently harvested. Just south of Fort Wayne, a few fields had standing water. A west bound train had its engine lights focused on our passing bus. The elevated road avoided a collision. A work zone's orange and white barrels slowed, but did not impede our travel.

A rest stop at the Meijer store on Lima Road also allowed four more travelers to board the bus. Women filled the few, vacant seats. The driver wheeled the bus back into action at 9:20 and located US Highway # 33 after passing Furniture Row on Washington Center Road. After driving by Ditch Witch and a For Sale--mobile home park, the bus entered Churubusco at 9:43. It was my first time to be in "Turtle Town."

Prior to intersecting with Highways # 9 & 109, I spotted a bull appraising the cows in an adjacent, fenced field. Picking the right girlfriend takes time! Some corn was waist high already. After passing through the communities of Merriam, Wolflake, and Kimmel, our traveling vehicle joined Highway # 5 near West Noble High School. Soon we were driving north through Ligonier with its State Police Post and an 8 X 16 foot police mural downtown.

Moving northward, we passed signs for Lambright Lawn Furniture, the New Life Fellowship Church, an Amish buggy, and the Bushwhacker RV business. Some of the campers were so small that a bicycle could possibly pull

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Kudos, Kicks & Karats



Well this week has been 4-H week and glad we're moving on to state fair. I ended up taking chocolate chip cookies which, believe it or not, is out of my comfort zone, but found a real good recipe for them so I'm going for it. Even at state fair. Took some cheddar bay biscuit bread and I believe someone else did the same thing. We both got honors with our blue ribbons. Then I took easy turtles for my candy. Didn't have much time to work on photography this year so took a picture I had of a squirrel, got red but hey at least I entered a picture.

State fair is up next. Got a few more projects than county I'm taking plus I'm entering some antiques, and I'm doing this just for fun. I have a complete set of cookies cutters I'll be taking along with my grandmother's 1927 (?) farm journal cookbook that she got when she got married to grandpa. Then I'm taking the monkey. My dad bought this years ago and it's probably one of the first battery operated toys ever made. But this monkey blows bubbles. It is the most ugly thing you ever saw but it all still works. So we're taking it with moms approval. Her words were, "you still got that thing". Lol

Then we are on to wedding 2024 and it's gonna be here quick now. But I think I'm as ready as I can be. More like ready to get over with. I think my ducks are in a row actually just down to food. So good and decorating is the biggest to do yet.

Have a great week.



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 8013W 1100S - 90, Montpelier
 Nick Miller, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <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 BRETHREN
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor
 Worship Service 9:00a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST
 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
 Pator Rusty Strickler
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
 Sunday School9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
 Eklesia Sun 6:30pm</p> | <p>HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 375-2510
 Pastor Steven Spencer
 Bus Service 375-2510
 www.warrennaz.org
 Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.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
 Bill VanHaften, 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. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
 Good Morning Church (Sunday School for all ages9:00 - 9:45
 Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
 Everyone is Welcome</p> <p>SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 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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Please Attend The Church of Your Choice

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them! I did not have time to stay and prove my thought. At 10:30 the Shipshewana city limits sign recorded our presence and soon the driver turned left into the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center driveway. A twenty minute wait occurred before the door to the building was unlocked. The buffet lunch staff was not ready to feed the excited, show-going, hungry ticket holders. Security was on duty! After identifying our group's reserved tables, a few raced to the dessert bar first. My wife and I opted to queue up for the salad bar and covered food table. The salad bar's selections were my favorite. A larger plate was filled with shredded beef, pork, corn kernels, green beans, mashed potatoes with beef gravy, and roll. I avoided the roll so there was more space for the other filling items. Strawberry and peach pies were expertly extracted and consumed. I asked a dessert waitress about the nonexistence of carrot cake. She replied that that item was on the menu yesterday. A day late again. More later.

THEATRE AND FRIENDS

by Daris Howard
I had been helping run the lights for a theatre production in a neighboring community when my wife, Donna, saw a Facebook posting. It was a community events page in one of the sites that she often checks. She saw there was a posting about a musical that was getting close to production and needed some more men. Donna and I have directed plays in our small rural community in the summer, so we know how hard it is to get men. Many of them are farmers or are in some way connected to agriculture, and there are not enough hours in the day in the summer for the work they need to do. Once, when we were producing The Music Man, all the men we asked to play Harold Hill turned us down. They were willing to take a small part but not the lead. I ended up

playing the part, along with building the set, helping direct, and doing everything I could on the production. Because of these previous challenges when we have been the directors, Donna suggested that I help answer the post. "But I am just finishing work on the other musical and was looking forward to some time to myself this summer," I said. "But just imagine if it were us directing again," she said. "Wouldn't you appreciate having someone come help?" I had to admit that I would. And having been through that challenge, I finally agreed to help. "But tell the director I am not necessarily looking for time on stage and would be happy with as small of a part as possible."

The director was happy to have me join them and immediately brought me a script. I was not able to attend a lot of practices until the other musical finished, but I worked on my lines and music. I had one song that was particularly hard that I had to sing.

When the first musical finished, and I started going to practices for the new one, I realized how far behind I was. I recorded the songs and my lines and listened to them all day for days while I worked. Finally, I started getting them down and could put my script away. Then the director wanted to add the dance. I couldn't seem to dance and

remember what to sing at the same time, and I messed up a lot.

The director recorded us doing the different numbers and posted them to YouTube. "Your assignment," she said to all of us, "is to go home and watch yourselves and see what problems you have."

The next day, she asked if we had done what she requested. I was one of the few who had.

"And what did you learn?" she asked.

"I learned that I really look fat on stage," I said.

She laughed slightly. "But didn't you learn anything about how you're performing the numbers?"

"No," I replied. "I couldn't get past how fat I look."

Well, I finally did learn the numbers and worked hard to perfect them to the best of my ability. But the main thing I gained was a lot of good friends. Unfortunately, in the other production, being in the light booth, almost no one knew me, and I made few friends. Most of the people in the production thought I was a parent of someone in the cast. The few times I tried to visit with others, they would remind me parents weren't supposed to be backstage. When I told them I was the person running the lights, one said, "Oh, are you the one the director yells at?" I had to admit that the only time I heard my name yelled through the auditorium was

when something on the lights needed to be fixed.

As the second production came to an end, I realized that the true value of being in something like a musical production is in the good friends and good memories a person makes. Nothing else really matters or is really long-lasting.

(Daris Howard, award-winning, syndicated columnist, playwright, and author, can be contacted at daris@darishoward.com; or visit his website at http://www.darishoward.com, to buy his books.)

6 SCAMS EVERY OLDER AMERICAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

(StatePoint) Amid technology advances enabling scammers to commit fraud, elders and their loved ones need to stay informed.

Typically, elder scams involve the transfer of money to a stranger or imposter for a promised benefit or good. In 2023, banks reported more than \$27 billion in suspicious activity related to elder scams, according to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and reports filed by the public to the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated an average loss of more than \$33,000 per case. And these numbers may be conservative, as elder fraud cases may be underreported.

One technology behind these staggering figures is artificial intelligence (AI). Advanced methods of masking one's identity using AI make it

difficult to detect fakes. Voice print – or voice clone – scamming is becoming more of an issue when it comes to impersonation fraud. Using voice clips from social media or by calling and having a brief conversation with someone, criminals can generate an imitation to be used as part of their ruse. "Older adults are often easier prey for these types of fakes, because a recognized voice when applied to certain scam strategies is often enough to elicit action," says Mark Kwapiszeski, head of Enterprise Fraud at PNC.

Two Scam Strategies to Watch For

Most scams targeting elders generally follow one or two main strategies: 1) elicit strong feelings and apply a sense of urgency to get someone to act quickly before thinking, and/or 2) entice someone with an offer that seems too good to be true, yet too alluring to pass up. Here are some of the more common types of elder scams:

Scams That Apply a Sense of Urgency:

- Tech Support. Someone will claim they need to remotely access the victim's computer to fix a software problem, then use that access to steal personal or financial information.
- Government Imposter. The fraudster may tell the victim they owe a debt that must be paid immediately or face arrest, asset seizure or termination of benefits.

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jul 26	7:00p	W	Sweetwater All Stars @ Riverside Park
Aug 1-3		VB	Van Buren Popcorn Festival
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

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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• Grandparent. An elaborate story is given by phone and sometimes involves a voice print of an actual grandchild, claiming a loved one is in trouble and needs money to be protected.

Scams That Offer Something Too Good to Be True:

• Investment. The scammer makes claims of a high-return investment to trick the victim into giving them money, often asking to be paid in an unconventional way, like cryptocurrency, where there's little to no chance of recovering the funds.

• Romance. The scammer develops a fake identity and creates the illusion of a romantic relationship to manipulate or steal from the victim.

• Lottery/Sweepstakes. Scammers make contact by phone or mail to tell the victim they've won the lottery or a sweepstakes but claim the elder has to remit a processing fee before they can get their prize.

Take Protective Measures and Stay Alert

The most effective way of preventing fraud is to pause when being rushed and take time to verify the legitimacy of both the person making contact and their claims. To reduce the odds of your voice being cloned, experts suggest exercising caution when speaking on the phone with strangers. If someone unfamiliar contacts you, disconnect from the original communication channel, verify their identity, then attempt to make contact through a different channel. For instance, hang up the phone, get a number for the company, government agency or family member from a trusted source (such as a company's official website)

and use that to call back and verify.

When it comes to scammers that establish a relationship over time, verify legitimacy using third-party resources before investing. Be leery of anyone asking for nontraditional payment forms, and when logic may be clouded by romantic feelings, confide in someone you trust for an objective opinion.

To learn more about cyber fraud, visit PNC Bank's Security & Privacy Center for educational resources.

If you believe you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud, contact the Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime's National Elder Fraud Hotline website or call 1-833-FRAUD11.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CREDIT SCORE

(StatePoint) Your credit score plays a significant role in your ability to reach your financial goals.

When you apply for a loan, a cellphone, a rental unit or any number of other activities, lenders and potential creditors will look at your credit score to gauge your financial stability and your risk of defaulting on a financial responsibility. The better your score is, the more options will be available to you, including higher chances of getting approved for a loan and better loan terms.

Here's a look at what financial activities are affecting your credit, as well as some Freddie Mac-approved tips for improving your score.

How do credit scores work? There are many different types of credit scores, but the FICO score is the one used by most lenders. Scores range from 300 to 850 points. According

to FICO itself, scores are based on these five factors:

1. Payment history: Payment history accounts for 35% of your credit score and reflects how consistently you've made on-time payments.

2. Amount owed: Worth 30% of your score is your amount of outstanding debt. The lower this figure is, the higher your credit score.

3. Length of credit history: Your credit history, which accounts for 15% of your credit score, is based on the length of time you've had credit accounts open in your name. A longer credit history can help your score.

4. New credit you apply for: Credit inquiries are worth 10% of your credit score. Each time you apply for credit, your score goes down — with one exception: when you're shopping for a mortgage, student or auto loan, credit scoring models only count one inquiry if your comparison shopping is done within a 14- to 45-day period. Note that inquiries will affect your credit even if you're denied or ultimately decide against the loan or credit card. Each inquiry affects most scores by 5 points or fewer and can stay on your report for up to 24 months.

5. Types of credit you use: The final 10% of your score is determined by whether you can responsibly use different types of credit, such as installment and revolving debt.

You can get your free credit report from the three main credit bureaus once every 12 months at www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling 877-322-8228.

What behaviors are good for credit? Your credit score will naturally go up and down as you go about your daily life. However, these actions are associated with good credit:

- Making payments on time.
- Keeping your debt load manageable.

• Using as little of your credit limit as possible.

• Paying the full amount due, or at least more than the minimum amount due.

• Reviewing credit reports annually.

• Not shopping for too much credit.

How can you improve your score? If your current credit score has been damaged or is otherwise low, set a goal to improve it. In addition to smart credit management, consider taking the following steps:

• Enroll in a free financial education class, such as Freddie Mac CreditSmart, to acquire the building blocks you need to improve your finances and your credit.

• Build credit through rent payments. Unfortunately, rent payments are not automatically factored into your credit score. That means, for many people, their largest monthly expense doesn't help them build credit. Talk to your landlord about reporting your payments to the three major credit bureaus. If they're not able to do so, you can do it yourself through a rent reporting service. To learn more, visit myhome.freddie.com/renting/how-get-your-rent-reported-credit-bureaus.

Good credit expands horizons. No matter where you are in your financial journey, you can take steps to improve your credit and live the life you want.

FOR HEALTHY AGING, AVOID THESE COMMON OBSTACLES TO GOOD NUTRITION

(StatePoint) Proper nutrition is critical to older adults' overall vitality, providing energy, helping to control weight, and even preventing and managing some diseases.

Unfortunately, 10% of older people don't eat enough, while one-third eat too much, according to HealthinAging.org, which is the Health in Aging Foundation's online public education resource. Such nutritional imbalances may be due to the range of common obstacles some people face as they age, including changing tastes, dental problems and difficulty accessing healthy foods.

"Charles," a Cigna Healthcare Medicare Advantage (MA) customer, had several health issues when he was introduced to a nutrition program available through his MA plan. Through the program, he worked with a registered dietitian, started working out, and lost nearly 50 pounds. These changes fueled him to tackle additional health goals, including getting mental health support and assistance improving his sleep.

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SCHER

Janice Marie Scher, 77, of Huntington, passed away at 11:32 a.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024, at her residence.

She was born on June 26, 1947, in Huntington, the daughter of Paul Scher and Jane (Schortgen) Scher.

Janice graduated from Huntington Catholic High School with the Class of 1965.

She earned her bachelor's degree from St. Francis University, Fort Wayne, in 1969 and her master's degree in 1972.

Janice retired in 2007 from Huntington County School Corporation, where she taught for over 20 years.

She also taught third grade students at Warren and Salamonie elementary schools.

Janice was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, member of the Parish Council,

was a CCD Religion Teacher, member of the SS Peter & Paul Catholic Faith Group, was a Third Order Franciscan

(1999), volunteer for Redeemer Radio, was on the board of the Franciscan Center,

was secretary for the Huntington County Retired Teacher Association for 15 years, was a member of Indiana State Teachers Association, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and was the director of the Blessed Father Solanus Guild Huntington Extension.

Survivors include her brother, Jeffrey (Choleta) Scher, of Columbia City; sister, Julia Scher, of Avilla; niece, Miranda Jane (Ryan) Castle, of Columbia City; nephew, Michael Paul Scher, of New Haven; great-nieces, Emersyn Castle, of Columbia City, and Eloise Castle, of Columbia City; ten God children; many cousins.

Janice is preceded in death by her father, Paul T. Scher, mother, Jane F. Scher, sister, Joyce Ann Scher, and brothers, Jon Scher, and Jerome Scher.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St., Huntington.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 22, 2024, at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St.,

Huntington, with Father Tony Steinacker officiating.

There will be one hour of visitation prior to the Mass.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Janice to Huntington Catholic School Building Improvement Fund in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

NUNLEY

Aiden Andrew Nunley, 19, of Bluffton, passed away early Friday morning, July 19, 2024, as a result of an automotive accident.

He was born on March 18, 2005, in Bluffton to Michael A. Nunley and Clarissa S. Haler.

Aiden graduated from Bluffton High School with the Class of 2023.

He was currently working in the construction trade in the Labor International Union # 213, Fort Wayne, working for Vector.

Aiden had a great personality. He was an avid knife collector.

Aiden enjoyed playing D & D (Dungeons & Dragons) and could master any video game.

He is survived by his mother, Clarissa S. Haler, of Bluffton; his father, Michael A. Nunley, of Arcola; along with his siblings, Aurora Anderson, of Bluffton, Rhett T. Nunley, of Arcola, and Riley R. Nunley, of Arcola.

Aiden also is survived by his grandfathers, Carl Haler, of Bluffton, and Rory Nunley, of Bluffton, great-grandmothers, Treva Sue Douglas, of Warren, and Dorothy Nunley, of Poneto; along with his uncles and aunts, Douglas F. Haler, of Marion, Scarlett A. Premo, of Bluffton, Franklin J. Nunley, of Gas City, and Elizabeth Pamer, of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his grandmothers, Bonnie Sue Haler and Donna Sue Nunley.

Family and friends are invited to gather and remember Aiden on Sunday, July 28, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

Private family funeral services will take place at the funeral home.

Friends wishing to help Aiden's family at this difficult time can direct memorial donations to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton.

WALTERS

Mary E. Walters, 99, of Marion, went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 19, 2024.

She was born on May 29, 1925, in St. Marys, Ohio.

Mary was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Zada (Anderson) Cline.

She graduated from Van Buren High School.

Mary married William H. Walters on February 27, 1945. He passed away in 1988.

She was a clerk for Wesleyan headquarters as well as Book Nook, Marion.

In her free time, Mary enjoyed working on word search puzzles.

She loved going to the ocean. Her favorite place to go was Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., where she collected shells, rocks and sand.

Mary attended Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church. She loved Jesus and read her Bible every day.

She is survived by two daughters, Beverly Young, of Marion, and Diana Trees, of Jonesboro; two sons, Ron (Jamie) Walters, of Jonesboro, and William "Bill" (Linda) Walters, of Gas City; one brother, Steve Cline, of Bulls Gap, Tenn.; one sister, Blanche Marie Davis, of Carmel; one sister-in-law, Phyllis Cooper, of Marion; nine grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, William, and her parents, Kenneth and Zada, Mary is preceded in death by her brother, Norman Jack Cline, and one grandson, Andrew Shellenbarger.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Raven Choate

Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd., Marion.

Funeral services will start at 1 p.m. followed by burial at Estates of Serenity Cemetery, 2225 S. Lincoln Blvd., Marion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

GARRISON

David A. Garrison, 54, of Van Buren, passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice, Fort Wayne.

He was born on February 23, 1970, in Marion, the son of the late Jerry and Linda (Smith) Garrison.

David married Tammy Franks on July 29, 2016. She survives.

He was very proud of the fact that, as an elementary school student, he was a finalist in the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.

David worked as an eligibility specialist with Family and Social Services, Marion.

He graduated from Ball State University, Muncie, with a bachelor's degree in Honors English and history.

When he was younger, David enjoyed being part of the local Boy Scout Troop and later became Troop leader.

He loved reading books and watching movies.

David was a music fanatic.

He also enjoyed watching sports and was an avid fan of the Indiana Pacers and the Indianapolis Colts.

David also was the owner of Naughty Monkey Miniatures and published in the Kobold Press.

He had a great sense of humor and was a loving family man, but, most importantly, he was Tammy's devoted husband.

In addition to his loving wife, Tammy, David is survived by his bonus mom, Jan Garrison,

five children, Liam Garrison, Andrea Zhukov, Scott Garrison, Tala Garrison and Wyatt Garrison; two bonus children, Jamie Brown and Blair Brown; one sister, Aimee (Shane) LaMartz; one brother, Jason (Jennifer) Garrison; five grandchildren, Finnley Garrison, Brelynn Brown, Ainsley Brown, Isabelle Brown and Kreed Brown; five nieces, Marissa LaMartz, Emma LaMartz, Madalyn LaMartz, Jocelyn LaMartz and Claire LaMartz; one nephew, Michael Garrison; his best friend, Dave Endsley; his grand dog, Milwaukeee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Linda Garrison, and beloved dog, Moosie.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday July 25, 2024, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Rd., Marion.

A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Steven Shields will officiate.

For those who wish, memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be given to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

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MA plans, like those offered by Cigna Healthcare, include “extra benefits” not available through Original Medicare. The Cigna Healthcare MA nutrition program is one of those extras, and it primarily supports older adults with a body mass index below 22 or above 40, those with chronic diseases like diabetes and kidney disease, and those with low fruit and vegetable intake. Through the program, registered dietitians provide customers with dietary advice that can help them improve their health.

“We offer information, education and resources that are different for everybody and not restrictive,” explained Robin Neal, RD, one of the program’s dietitians. “The goal is to provide skills and tools so individuals can self-manage their diet after the program ends.”

Neal said results often include weight loss and improved blood sugar readings, such as those Charles experienced.

Of course, program advice varies by individual and their unique nutritional needs, but some tips everyone can benefit from include the following:

Get your nutrients. According to the National Council on Aging, older adults should eat a variety of foods to get all the nutrients they need, including lean protein for muscle mass, as well as fruits and vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy. Choose foods with little to no added sugar, saturated fats and sodium. For an example of what a healthy plate looks like, visit myplate.gov.

Stay hydrated. Drink water often to aid digestion. Limit beverages with lots of added sugars or salt.

Visit the dentist. If you’re having trouble chewing, visit your dentist. They may be able to help. For instance, if you have ill-fitting dentures, chewing can be improved and more comfortable with a better fit. Additionally, choosing softer foods, such as canned fruit, soups or tuna,

may help. Dental visits are a covered benefit in many Medicare Advantage plans.

Follow food safety guidelines. Food not prepared properly can make you sick. Because those with weakened immune systems are vulnerable to foodborne illnesses, it’s especially important for older adults to follow food safety guidelines. If you have any doubt about a food’s safety, throw it out.

Limit salt. Too much sodium can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. To stay heart healthy, ask your doctor for guidance on recommended daily sodium limits based on your health status and check food labels for sodium content. Cook more meals at home using lower sodium ingredients and avoid processed foods. Flavor dishes with herbs and spices.

Seek assistance if needed. Take advantage of MA plan benefits that can help you secure healthy foods, like transportation or grocery cards. Additionally, there are local and national programs to help those on limited incomes with nutritious food costs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To learn about assistance available in your area, visit cignacommunity.findhelp.com.

To find MA plans offered in your area, visit Medicare.gov. For information on Cigna Healthcare plans, visit CignaMedicareInformation.com.

“By devoting your time and attention to eating well, you’ll not only be able to maintain a healthy body weight, but you can also reduce your risk of chronic disease and maintain your overall vitality as you age,” said Neal. “And, of course, if you have any questions about your health, you should always talk to your doctor.

SUMMER MOWING TIPS FOR A HEALTHY, LUSH LAWN

(StatePoint) Late summer is a time of year when yards see a lot of foot traffic. Whether you’re hosting parties and events or your kids are running all over the lawn, your grass needs to be in tiptop shape.

In a recent Backyard Life video, the multimedia destination of lawn care equipment manufacturer Exmark, product manager Chris Lamme offers insights for keeping grass healthy and lush all season. He says: “When it comes to maintaining a beautiful lawn, the main factors to consider are the height of your cut and the frequency of cut, and that starts with knowing what type of grass you have.”

According to Lamme, these three strategies can help you cultivate a healthy lawn:

1. Know your grass. Before you start mowing, it’s crucial that you know what grass type you’re working with. Different areas of the country will have grasses specific to their climates. Warm-season grasses, found in southern states, should be cut to a height of 2 to 3.5 inches—on the shorter for Bermuda and Centipede grasses and on the longer side for St. Augustine and Zoysia grasses. Cool-season grasses, found in northern states can be trimmed down to 3 to 4 inches—on the shorter side for Bluegrass and Ryegrass, and on the longer side for Fescues. While moisture, sun exposure and temperatures can vary cut height needs, typically grasses should be mowed to the upper end of their recommended cut heights during the heat of the summer. If you’re not sure of your grass type or you live in the transition zone, stick to

the rule of thumb of cutting one-third of the grass’ height.

These guidelines are important, as mowing too short can damage the roots, leaving your grass unable to absorb nutrients from the soil. However, if you let it get too long, you’re going to bog down the mower when you do get around to the task.

2. Don’t over- or under-mow. Over- or under-mowing your lawn can lead to unhealthy grass and bare patches, so consider how regularly you mow. Strive to mow when the height of the grass grows to the point that one-third of its length will be mowed. So, if you’re mowing to a height of two inches, let the grass grow to three inches before mowing. Mulching is also helpful during the summer, as it keeps moisture and nutrients on the lawn, reducing the need to water and fertilize. Pay attention to what your lawn needs, don’t just fall into a strict routine.

3. Change up the direction. Mowing in the same direction or pattern every time can damage your grass. When you mow too often in one direction, it can push the grass down and give you an uneven cut, even leaving ruts in your yard if you’re not careful. Be sure to change up the patterns and direction of mowing to ensure a nice, even cut quality every time.

To view the video as well as to access more tips on all things outdoor life and learn your turf zone, visit exmark.com/backyard. Your Exmark dealer is another good resource for information and can provide the parts and service you’ll need down the line to keep your mower in good repair for a healthy lawn.

Now that you’re armed with these summer lawn care tips, you’re ready to get out there and start mowing!



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