

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 103:12

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■ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

The Purdue Extension Office has a program coming up on home food preservation program. Need to know "what methods are safe?" This program will demonstrate safe canning methods on June 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Waveland Fire Department. Space is limited so reserve your spot by calling (765) 364-6363.



Father's Day is a little more than a week away. Be sure to call or visit your Dad. Wish I could mine!

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you're not close to God as you once were, I wonder which one moved!"

Lou Holtz

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Where do sharks go on summer vacation?
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BOOMER BITS... Tips and Advice from Boomers to Boomers

The One-Time Lump Sum Death Benefit

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away in September 2025 at age 64. We had been married for 43 years and started collecting benefits when I turned 62 and she was 63. She did not have enough work credits to claim her own SS and thus collected on my record. SSA told me that I was not entitled to receive the lousy \$255 death benefit because my wife was collecting on my work record. Is this correct?

Signed: Grieving Widower

Dear Grieving: We extend our sincere condolences on your wife's passing. But I must tell you that what the SSA (Social Security Administration) told you is correct.

Although we often see assertions that the so-called "one-time lump sum death benefit" is always paid,



ASK RUSTY

Social Security Advisor

there are specific rules for when that admittedly small SS benefit is available. And there are also specific rules regarding who is eligible to receive it.

Essentially, the lump sum death benefit is paid when the deceased person was collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). And that one-time lump sum death benefit usually goes to the deceased

person's surviving spouse (more on that later). But for the death benefit to be paid, the deceased person must have been collecting Social Security retirement benefits (or was at least entitled to SS retirement benefits). In your specific case, because your wife was not eligible for her own SS retirement benefit and was, instead, just collecting a spousal benefit

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3 Places in Indiana Where People Expect to Live to 100

In parts of the Mediterranean, living into your 90s (and beyond) isn't unusual. These "blue zone" communities have long been seen as proof that, under the right conditions, a longer life isn't just luck — it's shaped by lifestyle, environment, and daily habits.

The U.S. doesn't carry the same reputation — but it does have its own pockets where people seem to thrive well into later life.

So where in America do people feel most confident about their future — and why? A Mission for Michael commissioned Cherry Data Signals to survey 3,025 respondents, exploring how people think about their own longevity — not just in years, but in terms

of control, optimism and mindset. Respondents were asked to estimate their chances of reaching 100. From this, they identified the communities with the strongest "longevity mindset" — places where people feel most positive, proactive, and in control of their long-term health.

In Indiana, three communities made the list where people are most confident of reaching 100. They are:

#132. Bloomington
Bloomington is a university town in the limestone country of south-central Indiana, where a tree-lined campus, walkable streets, and nearby forests and lakes make outdoor living part of the daily routine. Farmers

markets, an active local food scene, and plentiful trails for running, cycling, and paddling give the town a distinctly active feel. A lively arts and music scene rounds out a lifestyle that balances movement, culture, and the outdoors.

#142. Nashville
Nashville sits in the wooded hills of Brown County, surrounded by ridges, ravines, and hardwood forest laced with hiking and cycling trails. The town grew up around an early 20th-century arts colony, and creative life still runs through it — galleries, studios, and music venues fill the compact downtown, while cabins, farm-to-table kitchens, and wooded

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give blood. Donors of all blood types are needed to keep a strong supply of lifesaving blood products on hospital shelves into the summer. Take action today. To schedule a blood donation appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App. As a thank-you for those who step up to give, all who come to give June 1-28, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards. See RedCrossBlood.org/June for details.

2. FEMA recently announced the approval of more than \$15.3 million in post-disaster funding for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. These programs empower states, local communities, tribes and territories to rebuild more resilient, safer communities and protect infrastructure from future events. In Indiana, more than \$2.2 million came in to reimburse state and local government and healthcare facilities for costs associated with pandemic-related emergency protective measures taken and grant management costs. These reimbursements are in addition to the more than \$83 million recently announced for COVID-19 recovery in the state.

3. Governor Mike Braun joined executives of TaylorMade Golf Co. in Vanderburgh County last week to break ground on the company's new North American Distribution Center. The company, joined by representatives of the state, the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership and Vanderburgh County, hosted a ceremonial wedge shot to celebrate TaylorMade's growth that will create up to 50 new, high-wage jobs. TaylorMade moved its warehouse and distribution operations to Evansville in 2017 and, in February, announced a multimillion-dollar investment to grow its operations with a new, built-to-suit facility on 53 acres at 6700 Petersburg Rd. The expanded footprint will enable the company to support increased demand for its TaylorMade and Sun Day red products, putting Hoosiers at the center of shipping millions of products annually to customers across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

How to Ensure Access to Miracle Drugs

By Kenneth E. Thorpe

After former President Carter used the cancer drug Keytruda, cancer patients across the United States had one request for their doctors: "I want what Jimmy Carter had."

But not everyone who wanted the treatment could get it. Some patients were good fits for that breakthrough immunotherapy, but still struggled to access it because their insurers threw up roadblocks or demanded high out-of-pocket payments.

Yet in response to these problems, policymakers often narrowly focus on lowering the prices that insurers pay -- without any guarantee that patients would actually see savings or better coverage.

Instead, it'd be far wiser for policymakers to focus on directly strengthening the social safety net, so every patient has equitable access to treatments without financial hardship.

Doctors often hail immunotherapies as miracle drugs. Unlike chemotherapy, which kills healthy and cancerous cells alike, these medicines essentially empower patients' immune systems to recognize and attack tumors.

Cancer drugs like these can cost well over \$100,000 for a year's course of treatment. Even with insurance, many patients struggle to pay for the care they need. Six in ten cancer patients say that it's somewhat or very difficult to afford care.

In response, some policymakers and advocates have called for government action to forcibly lower the price of breakthrough drugs. But while they undoubtedly have good intentions, their focus is misplaced.

Many patients currently struggle to access treatment because insurers frequently deny or delay cancer care. One study found that over 20% of cancer patients do not receive necessary treatment because of prior authorization requirements. Those delays or denials lead to serious adverse events nearly 15% of the time.

Doctors are sounding the alarm. One medical oncologist in South Carolina, for example, reported that insurance company Humana was denying his lung cancer patient Keytruda. The company demanded that the doctor use a different drug instead.

In these cases, family members are often left asking an unthinkable question: Would their loved one still be alive if they'd received the necessary

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Crawfordsville Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

8th Grade High Honor Roll

Madison Banks, Brady Cord, Mila Greene, Samiyah Hamilton, Vivian Hoar, Julius Jones, Lily Jones, Makinzey Morrow, Bentley Sanders, Ella Seward, Nathan Tucker, Adriana Ventura Padilla, Brooklyn Wilkins, Mackenzie Yates

8th Grade Honor Roll

Caleb Browning, Luke Bush, George Cherry, Jackson Cummins, Ella Davies, Zion Deer, J.T. Edwards, Romeo Fernandez, Aubrey Geneau, Elliot Hamilton, Kendall Heeke, Yarety Hernandez, William Hershberger, Josephine Hesler, Hayleigh Huber, Molly Hutchison, Vedanti Kiran, Harper Kohl, Joyln Lawson, Macy Leach, Sophia Li, Jessa Luttrell, Sadie Martin, William Maxwell, Jamie Moore, Jenah Newlin, Kaitlynn Powell, Burke Ratcliff, Amaya Rodriguez, Austin Rogers, Rafael Sanchez Islas, Naomi Sermersheim, Anthony Simmons, Ashley Uzcategui Perez, Zachary Warren, Madyson Wear, Callan White, Alexander Wilkinson

7th Grade High Honor Roll

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Gil Herrera, Vera Gobel, Riley Hartman, Anna Lindsay, Santiago Luna, Mia Macegoza Barradas, Bruce Milom, Mikaela Morgan, Leonardo Munoz, Cormac Murray, Addilyn Osmani, Christopher Powell, Allison Sanchez, Owen Scanlon, Maxwell Short, Karson Swazay, Aiden White, Jameson Whitecotton

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Amelia Suiters, Andrew Torres, Paola Villa-Castro

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6th Grade Honor Roll

Kadence Baker, Addison Barnes, William Bernhardt, April Bethard, Adelynn Blanton, Audriana Blanton, Samuel Bush, Osmar Carmona Guzman, Katherine Cherry, Logan Cromeenes, Tobin DeBoy, Bailey Douglas, Cerinity Douglas, Cooper Edwards, Conner Fields, Everett Garrett, Michael Hamilton, Matthew Hershberger, Abby Hill, Landry Iddings, Rowan Jarman, Arianna Jimenez, Deisy Jimenez-Mancilla, Emma Jones, Aimee Kimbro, Jaavid Lee, Alastasia McNorton, Krista Myers, Kenlie Nolan, Corbin O'Neal, Leonel Olvera, Ashley Ortiz-Palma, Wyatt Perry, Graham Petrie, Cooper Pierce, Cora Reichert, Sebastian Sarita Osoria, Connor Schefke, Paisley Sempstrott, Aria Seward, Rebecca Style, Persephone Thomas, Silas Villines, Asalynn Wear



Photo courtesy Crawfordsville District Public Library

1,000 BOOKS

Wren Sarver, age 5, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten." She is the daughter of Kelsie and Joshua Sarver. Her favorite book is *A Dog Named Sniff* by Jenny Phillips. Mom said, "We love reading the new stories on our trail walks, participating in all of the reading challenges and activities, and finding new favorite books at the library. We are so thankful to all of the staff for all their hard work in providing these memorable moments for us to enjoy together." The Crawfordsville District Public Library congratulates Wren and her family on this remarkable achievement and celebrates their dedication to building strong reading habits at an early age.

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from your SS record, you unfortunately are not able to collect the lump-sum death benefit as your wife's surviving spouse. So, what you were told by Social Security about this special survivor benefit is, indeed, correct.

For information, here is a bit more on who can collect the SS death benefit: the one-time lump sum death benefit is normally paid to the eligible surviving spouse of a deceased person who was collecting Social Security. But if there is no surviving spouse to receive the onetime payment, the death benefit may be paid to someone else who was also a dependent of the deceased. That might be a minor

surviving child or a surviving adult disabled child who was collecting dependent benefits from the deceased person's SS record. In rare cases, a dependent parent may be paid if no other surviving dependents are eligible. FYI, ex-spouses are not eligible for a death benefit from a former spouse.

The lump-sum death benefit must be applied for by contacting Social Security and the benefit must be claimed within two years of the person's death. You will need to verify your identity and confirm your eligibility for this survivor benefit, and you will need to provide other information about the deceased also (including a death certificate).

There is an SSA form to apply for the lump sum death benefit (SSA-8), but calling your local SS office (or 1.800.772.1213) to make an appointment to apply for the one-time lump-sum death benefit in person is usually all that is needed.

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MIRACLE DRUGS

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care?

Price controls would not solve these coverage failures. They'd almost certainly make the situation worse by undermining the research ecosystem. Developing a new drug takes more than a decade and costs up to \$2.6 billion. Companies only make that kind of investment if they can recoup those costs when a treatment proves successful and continue to invest in breakthrough drugs. Artificially lowering prices makes it harder for companies to justify taking the kinds of risks that lead to transformative medicines. As a result, lawmakers who rush to make

drugs cheaper in the short term could prevent researchers from developing more "miracle drugs" for patients in the future.

Innovative drugs are expensive. That's unavoidable.

But there's no inherent reason why patients need to disproportionately shoulder those costs. If policymakers instead focus on strengthening insurance coverage and preventing insurers from denying or delaying access to breakthrough treatments, patients could have equitable access to the miracle drugs of today -- and tomorrow.

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Inside Look at Caleb Swanigan's Recruitment and Changes

It was the most drama-filled recruitment by the Purdue men's basketball program since Russell Cross in the spring of 1980.

In many ways, Caleb Swanigan's "business decision" to choose Michigan State before changing his mind and attending Purdue was similar to Cross. Both young men were McDonald's All-Americans and considered to be future NBA prospects.

Cross, a 6-10 center from Chicago Manley High School, surprised his mother and first-year Purdue coach Gene Keady by committing to Illinois-Chicago Circle (now Illinois-Chicago) on June 2. Keady had been invited to Cross' press conference at a local radio station, and Cross appeared at the press conference wearing a Purdue T-shirt.

"I thought I'd seen everything in my 22 years of coaching until I went to Chicago that day," Keady said.

Nine days later, Cross signed a Big Ten letter of intent to attend Purdue. That news, accompanied by a photo of Cross and John Wooden at the McDonald's All-American game, made the front page of the Lafayette Journal and Courier.

The Swanigan recruitment saga began in early April 2015 and went on for six weeks. His final decision in favor of Purdue also ended up on the Journal and Courier's front page.

April 8, 2015

Swanigan wins Indiana Mr. Basketball, bringing attention to a story that would be told and retold by national and Big Ten media for the next two-plus years.

Kyle Neddenriep of the Indianapolis Star wrote the tale of how Swanigan weighed more than 300 pounds when he moved from Utah to Fort Wayne before his eighth grade year to live with longtime family friend Roosevelt Barnes.

The first morning in his new home, Swanigan devoured a super-sized box of Kellogg's Special K and a gallon of milk.

Fast forward to his senior year at Homestead, Swanigan now weighed 260 pounds on his 6-9 frame.

Swanigan outpooled future Purdue teammate Ryan Cline of Carmel 177-69 to win Indiana Mr. Basketball. Swanigan aver-

aged 22.6 points and 13.7 rebounds a game while leading Class 4A Homestead to its first state championship.

Swanigan set school records for career points (1,649), single-season points (704), career rebounds (1,048) and season (434). Pretty amazing numbers when you consider he reclassified after his sophomore year and skipped his junior season.

April 11

Swanigan chooses Michigan State over Purdue and California. "Once a Spartan, always a Spartan," Swanigan declares on Twitter.

Swanigan told the Detroit Free Press that he thought Michigan State was the best place for him. "They have a history of using bigs and giving them a chance to play every part of the floor."

May 8

As it turns out, Swanigan was never a Spartan. ESPN's Jeff Goodman was among those reporting that Swanigan backed off his commitment to Michigan State. Goodman added that it was likely Purdue was Swanigan's ultimate destination.

Swanigan did not sign during the spring letter of intent period. Only one week earlier, Swanigan said he remained "100 percent" committed to Michigan State.

As you might imagine, Swanigan's change of heart did not go over well in East Lansing. Columnist Graham Couch of the Lansing State Journal implied that Swanigan was swayed to Purdue by Barnes, a four-year guard for the Boilermakers who also spent one season on the Purdue football team.

"No one should blame Caleb Swanigan if he changed his mind about Michigan State. As long as HE actually did," Couch wrote. "The problem with Swanigan's 26-day commitment – beyond hurt feelings among Spartan fans – is only if his change in status wasn't really a change of heart. In other words, if adults got in the way of what a kid wants to do."

"Whether Swanigan plays the 4 or 5 in college will have no bearing on his pro future. If an adult told him otherwise – Barnes or anyone else – they're either manipulative or a moron."

"Purdue coach Matt Painter doesn't strike

me as a dirty coach. And I don't know what's really in Swanigan's heart. Nine days after he told the Lansing State Journal he was '100 percent' committed to MSU, he wasn't committed at all."

"I committed to three jobs out of college. Never did I give any inkling to those employers that I was having second thoughts until I made the final call. I thought I was making a life-changing decision and didn't want to make the wrong one. So I handled it poorly. I was five years older than Swanigan is today. I did not live with Roosevelt Barnes."

May 20

The front page of the Journal and Courier declared "Indiana Mr. Basketball Caleb Swanigan's decision to join the Boilermakers could change everything."

Swanigan tweeted "#BoilerUp" the day before, indicating Purdue had landed its highest-profile recruit since Glenn Robinson nearly 25 years earlier.

Swanigan was ranked 8th by ESPN, 11th by Scout, 14th by 247 Sports and 17th by Rivals. Until Pike center Isaiah Hill declared he would attend Purdue last month, Swanigan was Matt Painter's highest-rated recruit according to 247 Sports.

The Journal and Courier's Nathan Baird wrote "Before he plays a minute or even attends a practice, Swanigan alters the perception of Boilermaker basketball in the Big Ten and beyond."

Often criticized for his honesty with recruits, Matt Painter's promise that Swanigan would not play center at Purdue was a tipping point. It was also easy to make that promise with the presence of 7-foot A.J. Hammons and 7-2 Isaac Haas inside.

Vincent Edwards, the starter at power forward as a freshman, would end up playing small forward the next two seasons.

"Swanigan's presence could help make Purdue a matchup nightmare for a lot of teams," Baird wrote.

On the front page of the sports section, the lead headline was "'Biggie' Boilers Up."

Baird noted Swanigan was Purdue's first Mr. Basketball since Glenn Robinson in 1991. He also was the

Boilermakers' first McDonald's All-American since Mike Robinson in 1996.

Barnes told Baird that Swanigan is a winner.

"When he chose his high school, (Homestead) had never really done much in the tournament, and his goal was to win a state championship at a school where that had never been done before," Barnes said. "He accomplished that this year and won Mr. Basketball."

"He wants to win a national championship and said he wants to do it in the state of Indiana and wanted to do it at a place (that's) never done it before. Purdue was the perfect fit with their personnel coming back and coach Painter as coach. It fit the criteria."

Barnes confirmed that Swanigan had called Purdue coaches to make his commitment on May 18. As for the decommitment from Michigan State, Barnes said it happened because the family needed more time for a final decision.

"My plan for him all along was to wait to commit until this point or later – end of May, beginning of June – because he had reclassified," he said. "With that, we needed some extra time to make sure we were making the right choice."

Swanigan's reversal was sweet to Painter, who had lost prominent recruits Gary Harris and Branden Dawson to Michigan State in recent years.

May 23

After receiving Swanigan's Big Ten letter of intent, Painter told Baird that two attributes set Swanigan apart: versatility and decision-making.

"We sold our opportunity more than anything," Painter said. "The one thing we tried to talk to him about was playing with a true center. I think he's looked at as an undersized center at this point, professionally."

"Now that opportunity we have for him to be a traditional power forward and play with (Hammons and Haas) are really going to show his versatility and his ability to be able to make plays not just in the low post ... but he's also going to get a lot of opportunities outside that area, too."

"He can take the



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ball at 20 feet and go make a play. He can take the ball at 15 feet and (take) two power dribbles into a low-post move. If Caleb Swanigan was 5-10, he would still be a Division I basketball player."

Upon Swanigan's arrival at Purdue, he chose No. 50 to honor his father, who had died at age 50 from complications from diabetes. Carl Swanigan Sr. was 6-8 and weighed nearly 500 pounds at the time of his death. Sadly, that portended Caleb Swanigan's future as well.

Caleb Swanigan started every game over his two seasons at Purdue. He set Purdue freshman records for rebounds (282), games started (34), double-doubles (8) and rebounds per game (8.3).

As a sophomore, Swanigan reached his potential. Four times during Purdue's Big Ten championship season, Swanigan put up at least 20 points and 20 rebounds in a game, an NCAA record. He would go on to lead the nation with 25 double-doubles and finished second nationally at 12.6 rebounds per game. Swanigan broke Joe Barry Carroll's single-season rebounding record with 436.

Swanigan was a consensus first-team

All-American, winner of the Pete Newell Big Man Award and the Lute Olson Award presented to the most outstanding men's college basketball player.

Swanigan declared for the 2017 NBA Draft and went 26th overall to the Portland Trail Blazers. But Swanigan couldn't get established in Portland and was traded to Sacramento. Then it was back to Portland just weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic led to the end of his career, and quite possibly, Swanigan's life.

Swanigan declined to play with the Trail Blazers in the 2020 NBA Bubble, a secure site at Walt Disney World in Florida, for personal reasons. In 2021, Swanigan was charged with misdemeanor drug possession and a photo taken around that time revealed he had regained significant weight.

On June 20, 2022, Swanigan died at age 25 in a Fort Wayne hospital. The Allen County Coroner's Office determined he died of natural causes.

Next time: Rejected by three prominent recruits, Purdue settles for Zach Edey.

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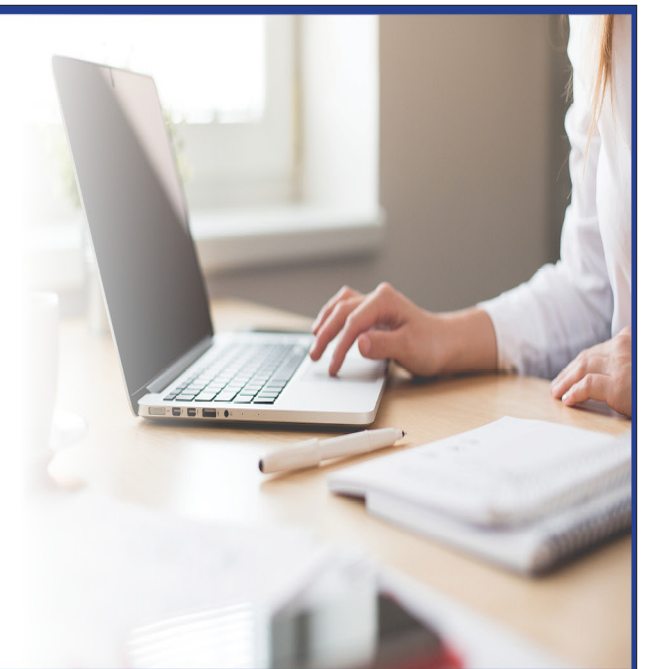
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Veteran Cruise-In Coming to Waveland

Looking for something to do on the evening of June 26th? Come out and enjoy an evening of supporting Veterans for the 250th year of America. Waveland Strong is hosting its Veterans Cruise-In at the town park on Howard Street. We are raising funds for the Veteran's Memorial in Waveland and proceeds of the event will help with the banner project for our local veterans, getting flags for all the military branches, and maintenance of the memorial. Make sure and stop by the Veteran's booth for more information about how you can sign up for the banner program and help support this wonderful cause.

The cruise-in will feature classic cars and all kinds of vehicles. So, bring your classic cars out for a fun-filled evening. We welcome all makes and models of vehicles. The first 25 cars registered that night will receive a dash plaque and goodie bag.

Beginning at 5:30pm, there will be over sixteen vendors booths with baked goods, sand art, beads, shoe charms, jewelry, 3d printing, hats, wire works, bath products, and so much more. We are still accepting vendors if you want to set up.

The event will be sponsored by Steven-son Automotive. The Dapper Dan Band will take the stage at 6pm. Shawn, Danny, Joey, and the Blanton Family will rock it out to Classic Rock, Blues, and Country.

There will be a Veteran Quilt Raffle at 7pm. Tickets will be for sale from down until raffle for \$5 a piece or 5/\$20. Quilts are on display at Waveland Public Library. They are handmade by a Waveland resident. There are five quilts in the raffle.

Brown Lucky Leaf



Photos courtesy Waveland Strong
Dapper Dan Band is once again back in Waveland to entertain all.



The Veteran Quilt Raffle begins at 7 p.m. and are currently on display at the Waveland Public Library.



4H Club will be serving concessions at 5:30pm. They will offer a full menu, including pulled pork,

hamburgers, and hot dogs. They will also have a booth with sand art and beads for the kids to make. The kids

will not want to miss the bounce house. You will not want to miss a chance to win at the 50/50 and

a wash bucket raffle. All proceeds go to the Veteran's Memorial. If you would like to be a vendor or if you

have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Isenberg at (765)376-1591.

State Fair Announces Second Wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts

The Indiana State Fair unveiled the second wave of its 2026 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, August 7-23 (Fair is closed on Mondays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Discount tickets can be purchased for the 2026 Indiana State Fair today at indianastatefair.com/.

Concerts unveiled so far for the 2026 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair include:

- The Beach Boys - Friday, August 7 - opening day**
- TUSK - The Classic Fleetwood Mac Tribute - Saturday, August 8**
- Josiah Queen - Sunday, August 9**
- Busta Rhymes - Thursday, August 13**
- Grand Funk Railroad - Friday, August 14**
- Trace Adkins - Sunday, August 16**
- Happy Together - Wednesday, August 19**
- Gene Simmons - Thursday, August 20**
- Don McLean - Saturday, August 22**
- Tasha Cobbs Leonard - Sunday, August 23**

"The Indiana State Fair is a beloved summer tradition that has been bringing people together



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er for 169 years," said Anna Whelchel, Chief Marketing Officer of the Indiana State Fair. "The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage lineup adds to the unforgettable entertainment, memories and traditions that make the Fair a highlight of summer."

As Champions of Play and title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to take a swing at summer fun with myLOTTERY. Six winners will receive six State Fair tickets, a parking pass, \$250 in Fair Bucks, six box seats to a 2026 Indianapolis Indians home game at Victory Field, and a Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack. Enter by signing up to become a free myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 2, 2026. Promotional odds are dependent upon the number of entries received.

"The Hoosier Lottery is proud to be back in the starting lineup as sponsor of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair,"

said Sarah M. Taylor, Executive Director of the Hoosier Lottery. "This year's 'Always a Hit' theme is a home run, celebrating baseball, Indiana's summer spirit and our nation's 250th anniversary. As longtime partners with the Indiana State Fair and the Indianapolis Indians, we know how baseball brings people together, and we're excited to help fairgoers enjoy great entertainment, great value and great memories at one of Indiana's favorite summer traditions."

There is a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets available now for the concerts. The 2026 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, August 7 and runs through August 23, when you can enjoy The Greatest 15 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit indianastatefair.com/ or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and X. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2026 theme "Always A Hit," presented by the Indianapolis Indians.

State Constitution on display in Corydon

By Andy Chandler

The 1816 State of Indiana Constitution went on public display earlier this week the site of the first State Capitol in Corydon.

The significance of the date of this display opening cannot be missed. June 10 is the 210th anniversary of the convening of the State Constitutional Convention. Being that they met in June, the delegates met under a nearby tree. This is known as the Constitution Elm.

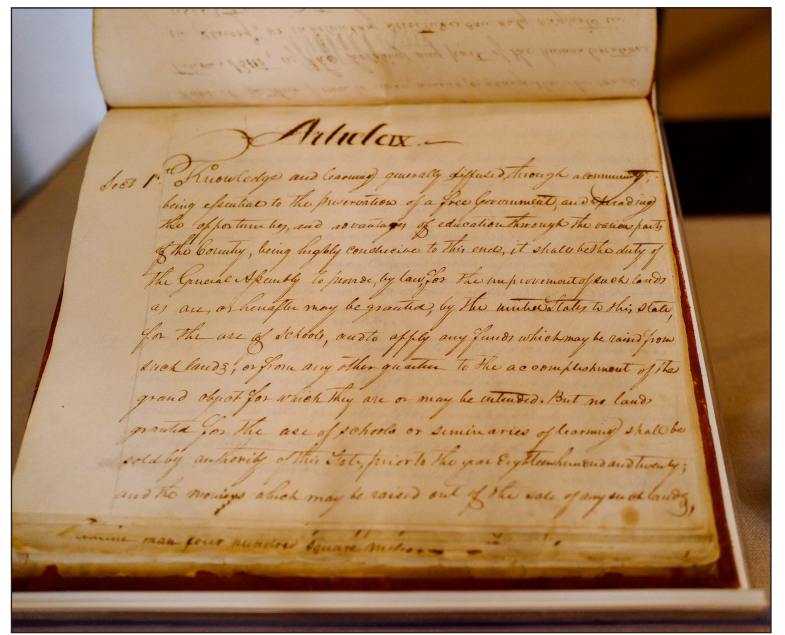
In its 210 year history, the State of Indiana has ratified two constitutions. One in 1816 and the second and current one in 1851. The 1816 Constitution, on display, brought the Indiana Territory into Statehood. In many ways, this is the birth certificate of the state.

The media was granted early access to view The Constitution prior to it being open to the public. Currently, it's housed in a climate-controlled display case in the Governor's Mansion on site. As part of early access, Dr. Susannah Koerber, the chief curator and research officer at the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, was on hand to answer questions.

According to a press release from Carla Knapp, the director of communication at the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, "The Indiana Archives and Records Administration has graciously provided the original document to us on loan as we commemorate



The gavel is made from wood from the Constitution Elm.



Can anyone still read this today?

both the 210th anniversary of Indiana's first constitutional convention that was held in Corydon as well as America's 250th birthday."

Regarding the significance of this document returning to where it was conceived 210 years ago, and what she would want people who visit it to leave thinking, Koerber stated that she hopes it serves as a great reminder of the Constitution-building process, the concerns this document attempted to address and the discussions that were had. She went on to say that its display location emphasizes how central Corydon was and still is to the state.

She went on to explain that to help preserve the text while it's in the light, a page will be flipped every week. This week is the page regarding free public



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schools in Indiana, and next week will be turned to a page addressing the abolition of slavery.

Also on display with the Constitution is a gavel made from the wood of the Constitutional Elm, as well

as Indiana Territory Governor Thomas Posey's desk, on which the Constitution was written on.

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retreats sit tucked into the hillsides beyond. It's a place built around time outdoors and a slower, more creative rhythm.

#149. New Harmony

Set along the Wabash River in southwestern Indiana, New Harmony was founded in the early 19th century by communities seeking a more intentional, reflective way of life. That ethos still shapes the town today: quiet streets lined with preserved historic buildings, a reconstructed labyrinth, and open green spaces that invite walking and stillness. The slow pace, riverside setting, and contemplative atmosphere make it feel closer to a retreat than a typical small town.

Some of the survey's most revealing findings included:

52% of Hoosiers believe they are currently doing enough to maximize their chances of living to 100.

Only 18% described themselves as "very likely" to reach 100.

Nearly half of respondents (48%) admitted they do not feel they are doing enough to support long-term longevity.

Just 4% believed luck plays the biggest role in reaching 100, making it the least selected answer overall.

The survey also revealed a strong preference for slower, smaller communities when Hoosiers picture the ideal place for a long life. Small towns were the most associated with longevity overall, chosen by 34% of respondents,

comfortably ahead of cities.

When asked what personally makes them feel most confident about living longer, respondents leaned heavily toward factors tied to balance and sustainability rather than extreme health trends:

- Low-stress lifestyle — 25%
- Regular physical activity — 22%
- Healthy food options — 21%
- Work-life balance — 12%
- Access to nature — 10%
- Strong sense of community — 9%

Another striking finding was how many people believe longevity is built through consistency. Almost half of respondents (46%) said they do something every single day that they believe improves their chances of living longer — whether that means walking, exercising, eating well, reducing stress, or spending time outdoors.

Nationally, here are the top 10:

#1. St. Augustine, Florida

St. Augustine blends history, walkability, and coastal living into a lifestyle that naturally supports long-term wellbeing. With pedestrian-friendly streets, easy access to the waterfront, and a steady rhythm that encourages time outdoors, staying active feels like part of daily life. There's also a strong sense of place and community, which helps support social connection. It's the kind of environment where routine movement and a slower pace work together over

time.

#2. Kula, Hawaii

Upcountry Maui has a more rustic, alternative feel than the beach towns below, and Kula captures that especially well. It's a quaint area on the slopes of Haleakalā known for farms, botanical gardens and rich volcanic soil, with the wider Upcountry region rooted in agriculture and small-scale rural living. That makes it a strong fit for a longevity angle built around lower stress, local food and a more intentional pace of life.

#3. Dunedin, Florida

Dunedin offers a more relaxed, community-driven version of healthy living. Anchored by the Pinellas Trail and a network of parks and waterfront spaces, it makes walking and cycling feel like second nature. Residents often point to that everyday activity, combined with a friendly, low-stress atmosphere, as key to feeling positive about their long-term health — a mindset that aligns with greater confidence about living longer.

#4. Asheville, North Carolina

Asheville blends outdoor living with a strong creative and wellness-focused culture. Surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, it encourages regular movement through hiking, walking, and time spent outside, while its arts scene keeps people mentally engaged. In communities like this, residents often feel that lifestyle plays a direct role in longevity, with many expressing confidence

that their routines and environment could support them living well into older age.

#5. Northshore Chattanooga, Tennessee

Northshore brings a more active, neighborhood-scale version of healthy living into the city. Access to the Tennessee Riverwalk and nearby green spaces makes walking and cycling part of everyday life, while local businesses and community spaces keep people socially connected. That balance between movement and engagement often shapes how residents view their future health, with many feeling confident about living well into later life.

#6. Hanalei, Hawaii

Hanalei offers a slower, more grounded take on long-term wellbeing. At the foot of misty mountains and alongside its famous taro fields, it has a setting that feels deeply tied to nature and everyday routine. Communities like this can naturally foster the sense that a long life is something you can shape through pace, environment and daily habits — which fits neatly with the mindset side of your survey.

#7. Blue Hill, Maine

Blue Hill leans into a quieter, more reflective way of living. Surrounded by forests and coastline, it encourages a slower pace where routines feel easier to maintain. Daily life often includes time outdoors and close community interaction, both of which support long-term wellbeing.

In places like this, residents often feel that consistency and environment play a meaningful role in how long they can live.

#8. Hale'iwa, Hawaii

Hale'iwa has a laid-back, surf-town rhythm that makes healthy living feel unforced. Known as the social and artistic hub of O'ahu's North Shore, it's surrounded by famous beaches and local food spots, giving it a strong mix of movement, outdoor time and community life. It's easy to frame as the kind of place where people stay active almost by default, simply because the setting pulls them outside.

#9. Midway, Kentucky

Midway leans into a quieter, small-town rhythm that feels easy to sustain. With walkable streets, local shops, and surrounding countryside, it encourages regular movement and time outdoors without much effort. Residents often point to that balance between activity and pace as a reason they feel positive about their long-term health, making it a natural fit for a longevity-focused angle.

#10. Apalachicola, Florida

Apalachicola leans into a quieter, more unhurried way of life. With its coastal setting and small-town scale, it encourages time outdoors and a slower daily rhythm that feels easier to maintain. Fishing, walking, and community interaction are part of everyday life rather than planned activities. It's a place where lower stress

and consistency help support both physical and mental wellbeing over time.

One of the clearest patterns in the survey was that Americans overwhelmingly associate longevity with lifestyle rather than luck. While genetics still mattered to some respondents, far more people pointed toward daily routines, stress levels, and environment as the real drivers behind a long life.

In fact, "daily habits" ranked as the single biggest factor in whether someone reaches 100, with 28% of respondents choosing diet and exercise over anything else. Stress levels followed closely behind at 22%, suggesting many people increasingly see longevity as tied not just to physical health, but to emotional wellbeing and pace of life too. Environment — where someone lives — also ranked highly, reinforcing why so many of the communities in the ranking shared traits like walkability, access to nature, and slower routines.

"A lot of longevity research focuses on what people do — diet, exercise, environment," said Anand Meta LMFT (Executive Director, AMFM) "What this study highlights is how people think. Feeling in control of your health, staying optimistic about the future, and believing your daily habits matter can be just as powerful. In many of these communities, it's that mindset — not just the setting — that's helping people feel confident about living longer."