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*Thought for the Week:* Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend. Theophrastus

## SMALL WORLD PRESCHOOL

### CHANGING LIVES IN

#### WARREN

Children and families in the Warren area deserve access to high-quality preschool education. After all, research shows that kids who attend preschool are more likely to succeed and ultimately graduate from their K-12 studies.

It's with this in mind that the volunteers who lead Warren's Small World Preschool were committed to re-opening the school after it was closed during the 2019-20 school year due to lack of staffing.

Now that the school is back in operation, teacher Kathy Collins is providing the foundational education for 27 children ranging from 3-5 years old. Once again, the staff and volunteers at Small World are back to changing lives and giving kids a leg up in an already-challenging world.

In fact, the preschool is off to such a great start, it currently has a waiting list of families eager to enroll their child.

Like all important missions, our community's preschool requires a sustained investment of both time and money. Our board of volunteers and the dedicated staff are committed to investing the time. As we prepare for 2021, we are asking the community to

consider a charitable contribution to this important local not-for-profit organization.

With support from the community, we can continue to offer a high-quality preschool experience to Warren-area families, regardless of their ability to pay. Warren is known for being a small town with a big heart. With your financial support, we can continue to support this reputation by serving small children who have a big future.

To make a donation, please mail a check payable to "Small World Preschool" at PO Box 598, Warren, IN 46792

## COVID-19 AND WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY

As we head into the unknown with the new virus surge, through the holidays, and the greater winter season, the library is striving to keep our doors open. But we have to keep our staff safe during this time.

When the county metrics have Huntington County in Yellow and Orange, our doors will stay open. Normal hours, normal days. Facemasks and hand sanitizing for certain services will still be required.

Should Huntington County reach RED status, the library will shift to CURBSIDE ONLY. The county map is updated at noon on Wednesdays.

Curbside Service Steps:

1. Go to the Evergreen catalog found at

<https://www.warren.lib.in.us> to place holds, or call us at 260-375-3450 to request holds verbally.

2. What titles are on the New Books shelf if you cannot come in? We keep an updated listing here: <https://www.warren.lib.in.us/news.../whats-new-at-the-library/>

3. Give us a call or email at [warrenpl@warren.lib.in.us](mailto:warrenpl@warren.lib.in.us) when you expect to arrive to pick up your holds.

4. Pull up out front and your order will be brought to you. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.

5. Curbside returns of materials will be accepted.

No computer or print/copy services will be available during curbside.

We WILL keep our Wi-Fi signal on 24/7, which reaches into the area around our building. Please still observe social distancing.

Librarians will be here during open hours to answer questions.

## SMALL STEPS FOR A HEALTHY 2021

A virtual learning series, Small Steps for a Healthy 2021, is scheduled to begin in January. The program will be LIVE via a ZOOM link on Tuesdays in January. The dates are set for January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:30 AM EST.

Registrants will enjoy the LIVE learning sessions, which include topics surrounding tips for successfully achieving

the elusive New Year's Resolution.

January 5 – Reach for the Stars – How to Achieve Your Goals

· Have you ever set a goal for yourself? Did you reach it? Why or why not? During this session you will learn how to set AND how to achieve those personal and professional goals that you want to reach in life.

January 12 – Hydration for Health

· As we age, our sense of thirst tends to decline. Even knowing the benefits of drinking the daily recommended amount of water, challenges during our day may compete with good intentions. Join us to learn strategies for ensuring adequate hydration for health

January 19 – Secrets to Aging Successfully

· Everyone ages a little each day. The secrets to longevity are evidence in people who live to be 100+ years. Listen in on this session to learn what small steps you can take each day to add years to your life.

January 26 – Healthy Coping Skills

· Healthy coping skills is one of the best ways to improve your mental health, become more resilient, and overcome difficult situations. Join us to learn small steps you can take in 2021 to make a lifelong impact on your own mental health

To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3oNO1Wd> (e-mail address required). Once registered, you will receive an e-mail confirmation with the ZOOM link for the session selected the Monday prior to the scheduled learning session.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) branches will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Saturday, December 26.

In addition, branches will be closed Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Saturday, January 2, 2021.

## NEW AT WPL

Items recently added to the collection at Warren Public Library include:

ADULT FICTION: Thompson-The Year We Left Home; Michaels-The Brightest Star (Large Print); Andrews-The Gift of the Magpie; Klassen-An Ivy Hill Christmas; Mallery-Happily This Christmas; Macomber-Jingle All the Way; Fluke-Christmas Cupcake Murder; Christie-Midwinter Murder; Macomber-A Christmas Message; Evans-The Noel

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## Kudos, Kicks & Karats

### THANK YOU

Thank you Warren Community for the overwhelming outpouring support at the Warren Dollar General Store on Saturdays for The Salvation Army "bell ringers."

Our community is incredible in stepping up when there's a need. Churches volunteering to "ring the bells". (McNatt Methodist, United Church of Christ, Hillcrest Church of Nazarene, Warren Wesleyan, Warren Church of Christ, Warren 1st Baptist Church, and Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

The Huntington Salvation Army donates fresh produce and frozen meat to the Warren Bread of Life Food Pantry.)

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a drive thru only pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday 2:00 P.M. to 4:00P.M.

Thank you volunteer "bell ringers" for your donation of time.

Many families will be blessed by your gift of time in our community.

### ARE YOU STILL PLANNING TO RETIRE EARLY?

Have your retirement plans changed because of COVID-19? If so, you have plenty of company. Nearly 40 percent of those planning to retire say the pandemic has disrupted their intentions, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. You might have been thinking about retiring early – can you still do so?

Even without a crisis, it's not a bad idea to review your important life goals from time to time. So, in thinking about the possibility of early retirement, consider these factors:

\* Your retirement lifestyle – Your ability to retire early depends somewhat on what sort of lifestyle you're anticipating during your retirement years. If you think you'll be traveling extensively or pursuing expensive activities, you might not be able to afford to retire as early as someone with more modest ambitions. Of course, there's no "right" or "wrong" way of living in retirement – we all have our own dreams and preferences. But be aware that different lifestyles do carry different price tags – and have different effects on when you can retire securely.

\* Sources of retirement income – Obviously, a key factor in knowing whether you can retire early is the amount of retirement income you can rely on. So, you'll have to assess all your sources: Social Security, any other pensions you might receive, and your investment portfolio, including your 401(k) and IRA. The amounts you receive from these sources will depend on a variety of factors.

For Social Security, the longer you wait until collecting, the larger your monthly payments (although they will "top out" when you reach 70, excluding cost-of-living adjustments). In

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 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freel Jr, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.  
**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.  
**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Chad Yoder, Pastor  
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.  
**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  
**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  
**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.  
**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
**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.  
**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
**OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.  
**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 727 N Wayne St, Warren  
 260-375-2811  
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net  
 Pator Rusty Strickler  
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30  
 Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Pastor Steven Spencer  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.warrennaz.org](http://www.warrennaz.org)  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.  
**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 765.524.3390  
 Rev. Robert S Hallett, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays:  
 Bible Study & Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**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  
**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Diane Samuels  
 Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.  
**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.  
**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.  
 Everyone is Welcome  
**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Interim Pastor Troy Drayer  
 Youth Pastor Troy & Mindy Drayer  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday School during Worship Service  
 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month  
**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.  
**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Brad Hensley  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://www.vanburenumc.org)  
**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister  
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister  
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.  
 Tara Bower - Secretary  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 Fellowship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 11 to 11:50 a.m.  
 Youth:  
 K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm  
**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 260-228-9084  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor Al Soultz  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm



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## AREA NEWS

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### ADULT NON-FICTION:

McKenzie-Hallmark Channel Countdown to Christmas; Obama-A Promised Land; Drummond-Frontier Follies; Fox-No Time Like the Future; Small Engines and Outdoor Power Equipment; Eisenhart-Wedding Hacks; TerKeurst-Forgiving What You Can't Forget; Long Thompson-The Character of American Democracy

CDs: For King & Country-A Drummer Boy Christmas

### YOUNG ADULT FICTION:

Menon-10 Things I Hate about Pinky; Hastings-The Invention of Sophie Carter; Howard-Ignite the Sun

GRAPHIC NOVELS: Malle-The League of Super Feminists; Watson-Kerry and the Knight of the Forest; Jolley-Bunbun & Bonbon Fancy Friends; Tremi-Sherlock Bones and The Natural History Mystery

CHILDREN'S: Shadra-The Nut that Fell from the Tree; Long-Sun and Moon Together; Wiesner-Robobaby; Conradi-The Little Bell that Wouldn't Ring; Disney Christmas Storybook Collection; Hattie-I Love You

More than Christmas; Knapman-The Twelve Unicorns of Christmas; Levine-The Hanukkah Magic of Nate Gadol; Palmer-Milo's Christmas Parade; Rox-I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas; Scott-Narwhal's True Christmas Wish; Magsamen-A Very Quacky Christmas; Clanton-Happy Narwhalidays; Hare-Field Trip to the Ocean Deep; Romero-The Mayflower

DVDs: Mulan; Never Too Late; The New Mutants; Then Came You; Words on Bathroom Walls

### FREE AT PHARMACY

Hot off the Press! New copies of your local 2020-2021 AdamsWells Phone Book are NOW available at the Warren Pharmacy. This Adams & Wells Counties Telephone directory covers Berne, Bluffton, Craigville, Decatur, Geneva, Keystone, Liberty Center, Linn Grove, Markle, Monroe, Monroeville, Montpelier, Ossian, Petroleum, Pleasant Mills, Poe-Hoagland, Preble, Tocsin, Uniondale, Warren & Zanesville. What a great resource of Business and Residential phone numbers to have at home and in your vehicle.

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The Warren Pharmacy has plenty of extra materials for packing boxes and shipping your packages. Bubble wrap, bags of air, brown wrapping paper, styrofoam peanuts and empty small and medium sized boxes are available FREE at the Warren Pharmacy.

We even have some small and medium styrofoam or insulated boxes, designed for refrigerated items, along with ice paks.

The Warren Pharmacy has received Calendars for 2021. There are two choices of the 2021 Appointment/Wall Calendar. The Art of the Holy Land and the Journey of Faith. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy.

Each Calendar starts with December 2020 with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family. Each day has a Bible verse to meditate on, so you can start your day with one piece of Good News! These complimentary calendars are provided at NO CHARGE by your Healthcare professionals at the Warren Pharmacy.

The Warren Pharmacy has received the 2021 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2021, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family.

We also have the new 2021 Farmers Almanac available.

The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions and many helpful insights. Best

of all, it is FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

### BETA DELTA

Beta Delta Chapter has had to do business very differently the last couple of months.

We have had to do business by email, text, and how ever possible. We helped some families for Christmas and sent pick me up surprises for others. The ladies from our Chapter, Sandy Booher, Opal Brubaker, Sandy Eichhorn, Sharon Gebhart, Carol Irick, Tara Korporal, Beth Ostermeyer, Susan Ralston, Jam Ramp, Jan Scher, Pam Rudy, Betty Yoder, Sondra Zabel, Claudia Boxell, Dawn Ellis, Lorie Fiock, Suzette Gephart, Kelly Jones, Shelly Melchi, Ladene Moyer, Jenny VerBryck, Jamie Straley and Victoria Thompson, hopes everyone has been careful and is keeping safe. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, love to our wonderful Community.

### DOING JUMP FLYING SIDEKICKS!

Doing Jump Flying Sidekicks Our TKD group does demos so that we can show off our skills. The demos also allow people to see some of the fun things we learn to do in class!

We do three types of demos. One type is purely for

enjoyment. We're there to entertain. Another type is informative. We're there to show skills and activities that would benefit you if you come to class with us. The third type is a combination of those two.

One time we did a demo for a "Lock-in" at a church. We were the entertainment for the evening. Normally we begin the breaking part of the demo with my newest students making easy breaks and then working up to more advanced students doing harder breaks. My son Brian, a Black Belt, had been practicing a jump flying sidekick into some boards and breaking them. We decided to make him the Grand Finale for the demo! To set up his jump flying sidekick, I called up four of the church group counselors and put them down on their hands and knees right next to each other. Brian jumped over the four counselors and did the sidekick breaking the board! Everyone was flabbergasted! It was an amazing end to our demo!

Would you like to learn how to break boards and maybe even someday learn how to do a jump flying sidekick? We are called Christian Martial Arts Ministries. Right now we

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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.

Nov 20	5pm	W - 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Walk & Festival of trees
Nov 26		THANKSGIVING
Dec 6	5:30-8p	Live Nativity SWCC Ministry Ctr, 9450S 900W Poneto
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS
Jan 1		NEW YEARS

**Bread of Life Food Pantry** - Wed 2 - 4:00pm & 6 - 8:00p.m. at KBC  
**Bargain Basement** - Friday & Saturday 9 - 4 at KBC ; **Cancer Support Group** - 3rd Tuesday 6:30-8p.m. at Bluffton Regional South Campus  
 These Events Can Also Be Found at [www.warrenweeklyindiana.com](http://www.warrenweeklyindiana.com)



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are meeting online. If you are interested, check us out on Monday nights on Facebook at Christian Martial Arts Ministries@CMAMtkd I will be doing a live class starting at 6:00 p.m. You can message me for more information or if you have any questions.

### GIFTING YOUR CHILD A MOBILE DEVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS? WHAT TO KNOW

(StatePoint) Does your child's holiday wish-list include a mobile phone or other electronic device? With kids and teens spending more time online than ever these days due to social distancing guidelines and remote-learning, you may feel the time is now to gift them their very own device.

However, as a result of all that additional screen time, families should be doubly sure that kids use their devices safely and responsibly. After the holiday gift-giving excitement settles, consider these tips:

\* Driver's safety: While no one should ever text and drive, newer drivers need to be especially mindful of the road and the operation of their vehicle. Have a serious discussion about distracted driving. Cell phone usage was responsible for 12 percent of moderate-to-severe crashes

of teen drivers studied by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety in 2015.

\* Extend the device's life: Let's face it, devices are highly breakable and easily lost. Extend the life of your child's device by ensuring the gift is accompanied by a protective case and warranty. Talk to your child about what to do if the device gets wet, and have a backup plan for the event that it's lost and your child needs to reach you. Installing a location monitoring app can help you locate the device in a pinch.

\* Set ground rules. A few ground rules can help ensure your child uses their new device responsibly. These rules may involve schedules for when the device can be used for purposes unrelated to school, as well as limits on what apps and sites your child can access. Talk to your kids about such topics as healthy digital habits, the need for screen-free time each day, and how and why to report cyberbullying and other inappropriate or abusive online behavior.

\* Make your rules stick. In so many areas of parenting, creating rules is easier than getting your child to follow them. However, a parental guidance app can help make your digital rules effective. For example, OurPact allows you to remotely set up automated schedules for when internet, apps and the

device itself are unavailable. Features include URL whitelisting and blacklisting, daily screen time allowances and iMessage/SMS blocking, helping you ensure your ground rules stick and that all the apps installed on your child's device pass your approval. Available at the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, parents can also sign up for an account at [www.ourpact.com](http://www.ourpact.com).

\* Lead the way. Don't text during dinner. Put your phone away when you are driving. Build goodwill and mutual respect by following the same rules you give your child.

If a digital device is in your child's future this holiday season, be sure that gift comes with the know-how to use it safely and responsibly.

### 4 WAYS TO UPLIFT SMALL BUSINESSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

(StatePoint) With nearly half of all Americans employed by a small business, these establishments need our support more than ever this holiday season and going into 2021.

According to the latest Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index, 46 percent of business owners surveyed have seen a drop in revenue over the past 12 months, with some entrepreneurs seeing even more severe impact.

"Small businesses are at the heart of our communities and the key to millions of jobs," says Steve Troutner, head of Small Business, Wells Fargo. "Keeping holiday spending dollars in local communities is an impactful way to rally around small business owners."

Wells Fargo is sharing four ways to brighten the season for small businesses:

1. Shop local. While one-stop holiday shopping on leading e-commerce sites can be tempting, the simple act of purchasing something from your favorite local retailer can go a long way in keeping business afloat and money in your community. Returning or exchanging gifts? Ask for store credit instead of cash. It helps keep money with a small business and makes their cash flow more stable.

Many shops have safety measures in place, such as limiting occupancy or offering contactless pick-up. This year, some cities are even hosting virtual holiday markets, a great way to support local artisans, farmers and more while shopping for loved ones. Check your local chamber of commerce or neighborhood association for details.

2. Eat local. Support your neighbors by dining at locally-owned establishments. Getting takeout or having food delivered? Order directly from the restaurant rather than through third-party sites that take a cut. When it comes to food shopping, opt for neighborhood grocers, which often carry produce from small family-owned farms and other locally-sourced goods. Many offer the same curbside pickup and delivery options as major chains.

3. Uplift diverse-owned businesses. Keep in mind that minority- and women-owned businesses have been hard hit by COVID-19. Many are counting on your patronage right now to help them survive the holiday season and into the new year.

To help entrepreneurs stay open and support local jobs, Wells Fargo is deploying approximately \$50 million from its Open for Business Fund to Community Development Financial Institutions across 32 states. The initiative focuses on increasing access to training and flexible capital that businesses

can use for rent, utilities, payroll and other business needs. If you are a business owner looking for assistance and resources, visit [wellsfargo.com/shoplocal](http://wellsfargo.com/shoplocal) to learn more.

4. Shine a light on your favorite business. Whether it's expanding outdoor patios and installing heat lamps or updating tech to facilitate contactless checkout, small businesses have had to get creative to stay relevant. One simple way of supporting businesses as they make these changes is to follow them on social media and give positive reviews on websites like Yelp.

As part of its "Many hearts. One community" campaign, Wells Fargo is highlighting the determination, resilience and creativity that so many small business have shown in 2020.

"Community has meant everything to me," says Kadijatu Ahene, owner of Dija's Touch Designs, which benefited from Wells Fargo and Local Initiatives Support Corporation working together. "The challenges we're dealing with have brought us closer. Whether its friends and neighbors checking on me and my girls, delivering food and more, COVID has reminded us that we need each other to move forward in unity."

### DIY WEATHERIZATION TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HOME COZY ALL SEASON LONG

(StatePoint) As temperatures fall outside, it's time to get ready for the chillier months ahead. Most homeowners want to keep their home cozy and their heating bills low during the winter, but struggle to keep the warmth in and the cold air out. Weatherizing can seem daunting, but there are many benefits -- from reducing drafts to lowering energy use. Follow these low-cost tips to protect your home and your wallet.

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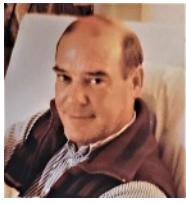
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## GENEALOGY REPORT

### HOWELL

Philip R. Howell, 72, of Marion, IN passed away at 7:45 am on November 30, 2020 at the VA Hospital in Ft. Wayne, IN.



Phil was born on November 30, 1948 to the late Joan Richards and Herbert Howell of Warren, IN.

Phil grew up in Warren, IN where he attended school and graduated from Salamonie Township High School in 1966. He later attended the International Junior College of Business and earned an Associate Degree in Professional Accounting.

Phil proudly joined the Army's 101st Airborne Division in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War where he was awarded a Purple Heart.

After returning home from the war, Phil met Jody Bradish of Jamestown, NY. Phil and Jody later married in November 1971 and had three children together – Matthew, Marisa, and Michael.

Phil is survived by: Sons – Matthew and Michael of South Bend, IN; Daughter, Marisa (Howell) Huff of South Bend, IN; and Grandchildren: Timothy (Huff), Tyler (Huff), Vivian (Huff), Bailey (Howell), and Austin (Howell), all of South Bend, IN; sister, Wilma (Bud) Lee and brother Jim (Linda) Howell all of Warren and brother Bill (Becky) Howell of Athens, AL and brother Tom Howell of Huntington.

Phil was preceded in death by his: Mother, Joan Conner; and Brother, Charles Howell.

Due to COVID-19 and concerns for everyone's safety, the family has chosen to remember Phil at a Celebration of Life event at a date that has yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that in remembrance of Phil, donations can be made to: Wounded Warrior Project Or Dementia Society of America.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

### McVICKER

Dorothea L. McVicker, 96, of Orlando, FL, passed away on Thursday,



December 3, 2020 at Cornerstone Hospice in Orlando, FL.

She was born on Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Marion, IN. Dorothea attended Jefferson High School in Upland, IN. She attended the Van Buren United Methodist Church. Dorothea was formerly of the Van Buren and Gas City communities before moving to Orlando, FL., where she had lived for 10 years. She had worked at Essex Wire, Van Buren, and retired from the Marion V.A. Medical Center where she was a nurse's aide. Dorothea was a member of the Red Hat Society in Gas City and enjoyed gardening and writing poetry.

She will be sadly missed by her Daughters - Bonita (John) Walters, Hilton Head, SC, Carol Elisala, Orlando, FL, Sons - David (Kimbre) McVicker, Kissimmee, FL, Jeff (Brenda) McVicker, Marion, IN, Grandchildren - Kevin Rakes, Dayton, OH, Dave McVicker, Bluffton, IN, Josh McVicker, Hartford City, IN, Jackie Frierhood, Tavares, FL, Leslie Johnson, Eustis, FL, Blair Elisala, Sanford, FL, Echo McVicker, Port Richey, FL, John McVicker, Gas City, IN, Sarah McVicker, Gas City, IN, Jeffrey McVicker, Upland, IN, Zachary McVicker, Meridian, ID, Devin McVicker, Gas City, IN, 35 Great Grandchildren, and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Father - Chester Waggy, Mother - Gladys (Gregg) Waggy, Sister - Joan Hall, Sister - Phyllis McCoy, and Great Granddaughter - Starr Elisala-LeBlanc.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson &

Glancy Funeral Home 201 N Main Street Van Buren on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

A service to celebrate her life will follow at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 11, 2020 with Pastor Curtis Banker officiating. Interment will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials: Van Buren United Methodist Church 105 2nd St. Van Buren IN 46991.

### LINDLEY

Betty J. (Pyle) Lindley, age 98, of Warren, died on Friday, December 4, 2020, at Heritage Pointe of Warren, where she resided for many years.

Born on January 29, 1922, in Clinton, Indiana, Betty was the daughter of the late Nova and Amanda (James) Pyle. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1940 and Terre Haute Commercial College in 1942. She also attended Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute.

Betty was employed as the Management Secretary for 18 plus years by the DuPont Company at two of their Indiana plants. She served in this same position in their home office in Wilmington, Delaware, until her marriage to Earl Armstrong of Marion in Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington on October 15, 1960. After moving to Marion, she was the secretary for eight years in the home office of Local Finance Corp. She and Earl moved to Warren in 1996. Three years later, Earl died on May 12, 1999. It was on July 3, 2004, that she married James Lindley of Warren, and he died on October 27, 2009. She and James were residents of Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Betty was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Marion, serving six years as an Elder and 20 plus years as Membership Secretary. She was a member-at-large of Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She and Earl had been life members of the National Cowboy Hall

of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

She is survived by a step-daughter, Jane Lee (David) Smith; step-granddaughters, Wendy (Kent) Gilbert and Kathleen (Tyler) Hiser; step-grandsons, Scott (Lisa) Smith and Todd Smith; and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service for Betty will take place at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

### SWEATLAND

Arthur E. Sweatland, 87, of Fort Wayne, IN, and with ties to Huntington, IN, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at 5:08 p.m., at Heritage Point in Warren.

Mr. Sweatland attended Ivy Tech and graduated from IUPUI with an Associate of Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as a Systems Analyst at General Telephone for over 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Huntington.

He was born on June 8, 1933, in Williamstown, NY, to Ivan and Lucille Griffith Sweatland. He married Marjorie S. Flora on Nov. 7, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 2020.

Survivors include two brothers, Richard (Carol) Sweatland, of Ocala, FL, and David Sweatland, of Albany, NY; a sister-in-law, Paula Sweatland, of Warsaw; a mother-in-law, Leona Flora, of Warren; and a brother-in-law, Danny Flora, of Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m., in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Roanoke. Rev. Dale A. Bauman will officiate.

Memorials may be made to SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, in care of Roanoke Memorial Chapel, 240 Crestwood Drive, Roanoke, IN 46783.

### HARVEY

Eileen V. Harvey, 99, of Warren, IN, passed away at 8:00 AM on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



She was born on Wednesday, June 22, 1921, in Huntington County, IN to Hobart & Thelma (Yoder) Wagner. She married Max A. Harvey on Tuesday, November 17, 1942 in Grant County, IN; he passed away on May 15, 2008. Together the two shared 65 years of marriage together. Eileen graduated in 1939 in Huntington County. She was a homemaker and worked at the Warren United Methodist Home (Heritage Pointe) in housekeeping for many years. Eileen enjoyed cooking, flower gardening and spending time with family. She was a long-time member of the Central Christian Church in Van Buren.

Loving survivors include her Son - Gordon (Kathy) Harvey, Kernersville, NC, Son - Kent (Lisa) Harvey, Marion, IN, Daughter - Carolyn (Jim) Eagleson, Middlebury, IN, Daughter - Teresa (Dave) Pulley, Morgantown, IN, Son - Dennis Harvey, Van Buren, IN, Brothers - Dorlan Wagner, North Manchester, IN, Darl Wilcox, Pierceton, IN, Duane Wagner, North Manchester, 10 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Husband - Max A. Harvey, Sister - Reva Lee, Brother - Hobart Wagner, Jr. and Sister - Lois Hauptert.

The Harvey family will be having private services on Friday, December 18, 2020 with Chaplain Ginny Soultz officiating. Interment will

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follow next to her husband in Gardens of Memory in rural Marion.

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### GREEN

Elsie Mae Green, 81, of Van Buren, IN and of Sarasota, FL, passed away around 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at her home in Sarasota, FL.

She was born on Wednesday, August 2, 1939, in Grant County, IN to Ray and Pauline Cunningham.

She married Larry E. Green on Friday, August 8, 1958; together the two have celebrated 62 years of marriage. Elsie previously worked at Triad Utrad in Huntington and Eastbrook Community Schools in Grant County. She was a member of Farrville Community Church in rural Van Buren, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). She enjoyed many motorcycle trips and CMA rides with Larry over the years. Elsie enjoyed spending time with family and friends; she wintered in Sarasota with her husband for many years.

Loving survivors include: Husband - Larry E. Green, Sarasota, FL, Son - Ed (Patti) Green, Livonia, MI, Son - Mark (Sharon) Green, Huntington, IN, Grandchildren - Eric (Kristi) Green, Livonia, MI, Laura (Steve Minter) Green, Knoxville, TN, Andrew (Chelsea) Rhodes,

Adamsville, AL, Zachary (Mandy Gearhart) Green, Huntington, IN, Alex (Ryan) Beeching, Andrews, IN, Samantha (Branden) Holder, Noblesville, IN, 7 Great Granddaughters, 2 Aunts, 1 Uncle and many Cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Parents, Daughter - Connie Greenwalt and Sister - Virginia Dickerson and many Aunts, Uncles & Cousins.

Services to celebrate Elsie's life will take place at a later date at Farrville Community Church. Interment will take place in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren, Indiana.

Preferred memorials: Farrville Community Church, 11044 E. 200 N., Marion, IN 46952 or CMA Run for the Son PO Box 376 Van Buren, IN. 46991

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

### FIPPEN

Ruth R. Fippen, 81, of Huntington Indiana passed away early in the morning on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at her home in Huntington.

Ruth was born on April 28, 1939 to Russell Poole and Jessie Sparks. Ruth had 6 brothers and 4 sisters. She became an LPN and worked at Heritage Pointe in Warren for many years. She loved to garden and live the country life. Ruth was the type of person who could not say no and was always giving to those in need. She also loved taking care of her chickens.

Loving survivors include daughters Sonya (Mike) Davis of West Lebanon, IN, Tina (Rick) Bell of Huntington, IN and Patricia Standish of New

York City, NY, son Richard (Julie) Fippen of South Bend, IN, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The family plans to have a celebration of life service in the summer, with the hopes that it is safer for everyone to attend.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

### BROOKS

John B Brooks III, 65, of Warren Indiana passed away on December

10, 2020 at 10:43AM at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, IN.

John was born on September 7, 1955 to John and Hazel Ruth (Poulson) Brooks Jr. at Wells Community Hospital. He graduated from Huntington North High School and worked for almost 30 years as a Service Technician and Salesman for Wayne-Vaughn Equipment in Fort Wayne and formerly Lubs Tech in Indianapolis.

In his youth, John was known for music and dancing at The Lighthouse in Warren. He enjoyed many years running the lights and sound for ET Jamn, a local rock band. He loved Southern Rock n Roll music, a myriad of other hobbies, and enjoying time with his friends and family.

John's relationship with Jesus Christ grew and developed as he got older, and he eventually transitioned his love of music and lighting to the Warren United Church of Christ, where he was a member and

served for several years as a Deacon and Trustee, in addition to helping with lights and sound. In his spare time John spent several years designing the 4th of July float for the church, always challenging himself to be more creative than the year before.

He was also very well-known in the tractor pulling community. John owned and operated Brooks Pulling Track on State Road 3 for over 2 decades, coining the phrase 'Dead Weight Lives' as a promise to make sure the tradition of tractor pulling continued to younger generations. John was instrumental in instilling the love of pulling in the youth of the community. His daughter fondly remembers discussing meeting new people with John, when his first question would always be, "Do you think I could get them on a tractor?".

John will be greatly missed by his mother, Hazel Ruth Brooks of Warren, daughter, Cylest (Brian Culp) Brooks of Milwaukee Wisconsin, brothers, Jeff Brooks and Jerry (Diane) Brooks, grandchildren, Nadine and Edwin John, several nieces and nephews, and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father, John Brooks Jr. a sister, Nina Brooks, and recently his best friend, Lee Dilts.

A memorial service to celebrate John's life will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 2pm at the Warren United Church of Christ, located at 202 E 2nd St. Warren, IN 46792. Pastor Troy Drayer will officiate the service. A time for visiting, memories, and light snacks will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home at 5910 Homestead Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46814, Warren United Church of Christ at 202 E 2nd St Warren, IN 46792, or donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

### HARDESTY

Rachel M. Brinneman Hardesty, 33, of Roanoke, IN, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at her home.

Mrs. Hardesty graduated from Norwell High School in 2005. She graduated from the International Business College in 2006 and then worked for Lutheran Social Services of Indiana.


She was born on Jan. 8, 1987, in Allen County, to Michael and Laurie Tomkinson Brinneman. Her parents survive in Roanoke. She married Jeffrey Hardesty on July 7, 2007, in Bluffton. He survives in Roanoke.

Additional survivors include two children, Louis and Blair Hardesty, and her siblings, Sean Brinneman and Josh Brinneman, both of Fort Wayne, and Lauren Jones, of Ossian.

Calling will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A private service will be held for the family on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with Joel Gregory officiating.

A private family burial service will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

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### WILDONER

Laura M. Wildoner, 94, of Warren, Indiana, died at 4:48 am, Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Heritage Pointe of Warren.



She was born November 13, 1926 in Wabash, Indiana, to Louie G. and Elizabeth (Milam) Wildoner.

Laura was a 1945 graduate of Chippewa High School. She worked for United Insurance Company, in both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis 45 years as a traveling auditor.

She is survived by nephews, Toni Miller of Dallas, Texas, and Mike Miller of Roann, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Mable Cummings and Dorothy Kirkpatrick, and her longtime companion, Chester Burnett.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Servia, Indiana. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

### SPROWL

Carolyn "Susie" Sprowl, 62, of Huntington, IN, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, at 7:43 p.m., at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sprowl graduated from Huntington North High School in 1977. She and her husband owned C & B PWB Design Services.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1958, to Arvil and Helen Downey Asher. She married Clyde Sprowl on Oct. 14, 1979, in LaFollette, TN. He preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 2019.

Survivors include a son, Blaise Sprowl, of Huntington; two sisters, Theresa (Bill) Kinsey and Brenda Hoover, of Huntington; four brothers, Ed (Tina) Asher, Jesse Asher, Wayne Asher, and Harley (Kelsey) Asher; and two

granddaughters, Mia Sprowl and Estrella Sprowl, of Huntington.

Calling will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, from noon to 2 p.m., with a funeral service to immediately follow at Deal-Rice Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. Rev. Brunk Conley will officiate. Burial will follow in Masonic Cemetery in Warren.

Memorials may be made to the family, in care of Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

### STEVENS

Geneva "Genny" Stevens, age 51 of Marion passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2020 in her home surrounded by her family.

Genny was born March 30, 1969 in Marion, Indiana the daughter of the late Thomas Scheidt and Susan (Stevens) Scheidt. She married Ryan Stevens on November 16, 1990, and he survives. Genny was a secretary at Tri-R Steamer.

Genny was a true fighter. She battled heart disease for 13 years and was a LVAD Recipient in 2010; and lived with that for almost 10 years which is almost unheard of but she did it with grace. She also was very close to her two dogs, Diesel and Sheeba, and will miss them dearly. She dearly loved her husband, children and family.

She is survived by her husband, Ryan Stevens of Marion; her mother, Susan Scheidt of Marion; a son, Brandon Stevens and a daughter, Heather Stevens, both of Marion; and a brother, Thomas Scheidt, Jr. of Warren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Valeria Scheidt.

Friends and family may call from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Funeral Services will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve Johnson officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in

Jefferson Cemetery in Upland, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 6500 Technology Drive Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; or to the Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953.

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Want to check and see if you have a problem with insulation? Hold an incense stick near windows, doors and electrical outlets. If smoke blows sideways, you have an air leak.

#### Deal with Drafts

Doors are one of the largest sources of drafts in any home and should be a top priority for homeowners this winter. From draft seals to door sweeps, there are many DIY weatherization solutions to choose from that are easy to install and don't require measuring or tools. Draft seals slide under doors, are removable, machine washable, pet-friendly and don't damage door frames. For example, Duck Brand's Double Draft Seal insulates your door from both sides and blocks winter drafts, dust, insects and pollen for year-round protection.

Don't Let Air Sneak Through Cracks

While you're at it, it's a good idea to check for any cracks and gaps around doors and windows

that can lead to heat loss. gaps or sprucing up old or Weatherstripping doors and windows can save homeowners money. In fact, air sealing an old or drafty house can save up to 20% on your heating bill, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. While there are a variety of gap seals to choose from, rubber gap seals can stand up to extreme temperatures that cause other seals to freeze or crack. Duck Brand Heavy-Duty Weatherstrip work well for sealing large gaps or sprucing up old or damaged door and window seals. For a project selector, articles, how-to guides and instructional videos for more DIY weatherization inspiration, check out Duck Brand's Weatherize page at [duckbrand.com/weatherize](https://duckbrand.com/weatherize). Don't wait for the cold weather to set in. Weatherizing your home can be an affordable and easy do-it-yourself project that anyone can tackle. Ready to get organized?

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regard to your investments and retirement accounts, you'll need to establish a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for the length of time you expect to be retired. So, by adjusting these variables – taking Social Security earlier or later, taking more or less money from your retirement accounts – you can help determine if the retirement date you had in mind is viable.

\* Your feelings about work – Your goals are not static – they can change in response to any number of reasons, both external and personal. When you first decided you wanted to retire early, you might have been motivated by, among other things, a weariness of your current job. But has that changed over time? Have you found new challenges that interest you at work? Or, if you were forced by the pandemic to work remotely, did you actually enjoy the arrangement and want to continue it?

After all, many employers have found that their workers can be just as productive working at home, so, even when we've gotten past COVID-19, we might see a sizable shift in the geography of the workplace. In any case, if your feelings about work have changed in some way, leading you to think you could work longer than originally planned, you'd likely gain some financial advantages. You'd make more money, for starters, but you'd also keep building your 401(k) and IRA, and you could even possibly delay taking Social Security.

The pandemic may lead to a reevaluation of many financial goals – and taking early retirement might be one of them. By thinking carefully about your situation and your options, you can come up with a course of action that's right for you.

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