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# Summer Snaps Photo Contest

Whether your passion is events, kids, pets or something else, snap it and enter it in the

## Summer Snaps Photo Contest

June 20-September 20

1 photo selected each week to compete for a \$25 monthly prize. One photographer will win a

### \$100 Grand Prize!

Open to amateur photographers only. Limit 1 photo/week/person. Decision of the judges is final. By submitting photos, photographer gives Just the Facts all rights to photos. Entries must be less than 2 MB in size.

Email photos to [publish@justthefacts.net](mailto:publish@justthefacts.net) and include "photo contest" in subject line, names of subjects in photo (if applicable), location and photographer's real (not screen/alias) name.

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## Social Security board releases 2017 program financial status

The Social Security Board of Trustees last week released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds. The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, the same as projected last

year, with 77 percent of benefits payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2028, extended from last year's estimate of 2023, with 93 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2017 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees  
**See STATUS on other side**



### It's a hit!

Two-year-old Asher Irvin gets a hit at an inflatable batting game during a street fair in downtown Hoopeston. The event coincided with an appearance by former Cubs pitcher and Baseball Hall of Fame member Fergie Jenkins earlier this month. Asher is the son of Aubrey Halley and Robert Irvin, both of Hoopeston.

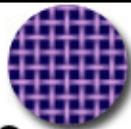
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## From the Blotter

**Vance LaBaume**, 20, of Hoopeston, was arrested after police were called at 12:58 a.m. Sunday to the VFW, 426 W. Orange, for a person causing problems. He was charged with purchase or acceptance of liquor

by persons under 21 and disobeying police and was released on notices to appear in Hoopeston City Court. A **light-colored** wallet was found Sunday. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

## Court Dispositions

**June 1, 2017**

**Jordan Carswell**, Hoopeston, failed to appear in four dog cases, found guilty by default; sentencing July 6.

**Jackie Carswell**, Hoopeston, failed to appear for restrain of dogs, found guilty by default; sentencing July 6.

**Vicki Ford**, pleaded guilty of disobeying police, fined \$180, converted to 22 hours' public service work; status hearing July 6.

**Carrie Arce**, Hoopeston, pleaded guilty to dogs running at large, fined \$180; status hearing July 6.

## Status continued from other side

announced:

- The asset reserves of the combined OASDI Trust Funds increased by \$35 billion in 2016 to a total of \$2.85 trillion.
- The combined trust fund reserves are still growing and will continue to do so through 2021. Beginning in 2022, the total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed income.
- The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 – the same as projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 77 percent of scheduled benefits.

“It is time for the public to engage in the important national conversation about how to keep Social Security strong,” said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “People understand the value of their earned Social Security benefits and the importance of keeping the program secure for the future.”

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

- Total income, including interest, to the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$957 billion in 2016. (\$836 billion in net contributions, \$33 billion from taxation of benefits, and \$88 billion in interest)
- Total expenditures from the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$922 billion in 2016.
- Social Security paid benefits of \$911 billion in calendar year 2016. There were about 61 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.
- Non-interest income fell below program costs in 2010

for the first time since 1983. Program costs are projected to exceed non-interest income throughout the remainder of the 75-year period.

- The projected actuarial deficit over the 75-year long-range period is 2.83 percent of taxable payroll – 0.17 percentage point larger than in last year's report.
- During 2016, an estimated 171 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.
- The cost of \$6.2 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2016 was a very low 0.7 percent of total expenditures.
- The combined Trust Fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 3.2 percent in 2016.

The Board of Trustees usually comprises six members. Four serve by virtue of their positions with the federal government: Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury and Managing Trustee; Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security; Thomas E. Price, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Services; and R. Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Labor. The two public trustee positions are currently vacant.

View the 2017 Trustees Report at [www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2017/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2017/).

## Weather

Patchy fog early, then sunny today. High 86. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 66. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 90, low 72.

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