

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?" (NASB)



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes John Carpenter smile? "Having fun with my kids," said the then 52-year-old Noblesville resident, who was found in 2019 at Forest Park sledding hill. He was sledding with son, Caden, then 14, then an eighth-grader at Fall Creek Junior High School, and Kaia, then 9, then a fourth-grader at Durbin Elementary. John is a math teacher at Fishers High School. Today's feature is a look back at one of *The Times'* previous Faces of Hamilton County. His wife, Jennie, from Russiaville, at the time of the interview, was a part-time stay-at-home mom and part-time early-childhood musical instructor in Carmel. What else? "I like to spend my time with my kids and all of their activities. Caden runs cross country and track, and Kaia is involved in gymnastics. "I enjoy hunting and fishing, and my kids go with me. Kaia likes fishing. We try to be outdoors as much as possible. I like spending time with friends and family. The Forest Park sledding hill is among many busy sledding hills during this winter season, including Simon Moon Park in Westfield has a great sledding hill as does Flat Fork Creek Park and Heritage Park in Fishers and West Park in Carmel. Plus, don't forget Koteewi Run Seasonal Slopes at Strawtown Koteewi Park in Noblesville, with online reservations and two-hour tubing sessions. Read more things to do in the Betsy Reason column in Friday's edition of *The Times*."

And Another Thing...

The vaccination site at the 4H Fairgrounds in Noblesville will be closed all day Wednesday. The testing site at the Hamilton County Health Department will close at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday. Both sites will be closed all day Thursday and Friday with operations resuming Monday.

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Noblesville Lions Providing Vision Screening



Photo Courtesy of Noblesville Lions
This week the Noblesville Lions have been providing vision screening to preschool students. On Monday, they screened almost 100 students. The Lions are scheduled for school screenings every day this week. This screening helps identify vision problems with students; which can later be checked by a family eye doctor.

Snow Day Used To Mean Fun Day At Home, But No Not Anymore

Every year on Groundhog Day, which is Tuesday, Punxsutawney Phil comes out of his burrow to see if he will see his shadow, which predicts six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, spring is right around the corner.

From the current weather forecast, it doesn't look and feel like spring is around the corner.

At press time, a winter storm warning was in effect through 1 a.m. Friday, and Noblesville Schools made the decision to cancel in-person classes but make use of eLearning Days to impending weather conditions.

For high schoolers, an eLearning day means sleeping in until 8:30 a.m. (Usually, we

get up at 7 a.m. to get ready for a bus ride to school, which starts at 8:40 a.m.) There will be no Zoom video-conferencing but rather classroom assignments, which are all to be posted online for students by 9 a.m.

When I was in school, a snow day meant staying home without new homework assignments because there were no iPads, or school Canvas or emails for teachers to communicate with students. A snow day also meant playing favorite board games or watching old movies on TV with Mom and Dad, who likely were also home due to inclement weather.

When I was in school, there was no state requirement as there is today. The state now requires students to attend at least 180 days of school, and any days that are canceled, including due to inclement

weather, must be made up by extending the school year.

Using eLearning days preserves instruction so there are no missed school days to make up.

Having no in-person classes also means there will be no extracurricular activities. For us, that includes no Wednesday after school being the first read-through of the NHS spring play.

The weather forecast calls for a 60 percent chance of snow through today with no precipitation expected on Friday or Saturday, although the temperatures will be in the teens over the weekend, including below zero.

If the snow sticks around, I bet there will be time after homework to go sledding in Noblesville's Forest Park.

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BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Noblesville Farmers Market Receives Grant From Hamilton County Community Foundation

Noblesville Main Street (NMS) today announced an award of \$6,250 from the Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, to support the 2022 Noblesville Farmers Market.

"We are grateful for the support of the Crosser Family Foundation on such an important cause," said Kate Baker, executive director of Noblesville Main Street. "This grant will directly support the entrepreneurial nature of the market and the SNAP program at our mar-

ket. Accessing fresh and local produce at our farmers market will be a massive benefit to the members of our community that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)."

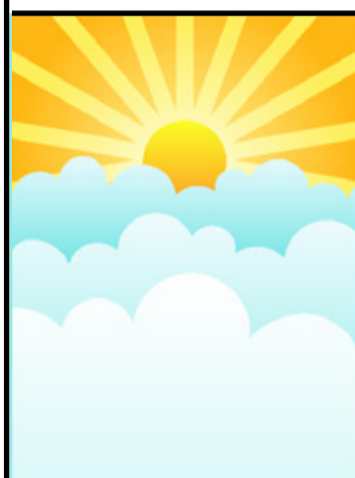
According to the Farmers Market Coalition, SNAP provides monthly benefits to 45 million low income Americans who spent more than \$22.4 million at farmers markets nationwide. NMS recognized the need for this capability when market attendees inquired which vendors accepted SNAP pay-

ments. Due to the requirements involved, individual vendors are unable to participate in the program themselves. To use SNAP payment this summer, customers will debit money from their card at the NMS booth in exchange for tokens that can be used directly with vendors. After the market is completed, vendors will be reimbursed by NMS for the tokens spent at their booth.

The Noblesville Farmers Market, the oldest and largest farm-

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The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:54 a.m.
SET: 6:09 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 25 °F
Low: 13 °F



Wacky Holiday Today

- Doggy Date Night
- National Women Physicians Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1966 Luna 9 touches down on the Moon
- 1998 20 people die in the Cavalese cable car disaster



Births On This Day

- 1935 Johnny "Guitar" Watson
American singer, guitarist
- 1927 Kenneth Anger
American actor, director, author

Deaths On This Day

- 1924 Woodrow Wilson
American politician, 28th President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate
- 1961 Anna May Wong
American actress

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

The Institute of Medicine recommends 600 IU of vitamin D daily to age 70 and 800 IU after that. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in *The Times* and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch it, and it darts away.
Dorothy Parker

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How'd the boy phone propose to the girl phone?
He gave her a ring!

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Sun Prairie Jimmy the Groundhog (Wisconsin) and Marion Buckeye Chuck (Ohio) both predict an early spring. Screw Phil! I'm going with the Midwest rodents!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank R. G. WILLMAN of Noblesville for subscribing!



➔ OBITUARIES
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13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
34 PARTLY CLOUDY	19/39 NOT AS COLD	29/50 LATE DAY RAIN	38/39 RAIN, MIX, AND SNOW	24/24 MIX TO SNOW	2/18 BITTERLY COLD	0/24 SUNNY BUT COLD

BBB Scam Alert: Beware of Instagram hijacking scam

Better Business Bureau has been made aware of a scam involving a scammer hijacking your Instagram account and requesting you make a video to regain control of the account.

How the scam works
It all starts by receiving an Instagram direct message from what looks like a person whom you follow. They may ask you to take a survey to help with a new job they just got, or they may tell you to "check out this cool video," or some other message. It contains a link that they want you to click. What you may not realize is, your friend's account has been hacked by a scammer who is looking to hijack your account as well. If you click the link sent by the scammer, posing as your friend, your Instagram account will also be compromised. That scammer then notifies you that in order to regain access to your account, you

must film a video stating you have invested in some type of cryptocurrency and encourage your followers to do the same. Recording the video for the scammer to post may, or may not, actually get your account back, and in the meantime, the scammer is reaching out to your followers via direct message, pretending to be you, with a malicious link that is encouraging them to invest in cryptocurrency.

How to protect yourself from social media scams
Be wary of online messages. Sometimes friends share things without checking them out first, and online accounts can be hacked. Take a closer look before sharing, applying, or donating.

Contact your friend outside of Instagram, to see if they really sent you the message.

Do some research. Go to BBB.org/scamtracker to see if something like this is

being reported in your area.

Press for details. Ask strategic questions without giving any personal information to confirm you are actually talking to someone you know. If your "friend" can't give you straight answers, leave the conversation, block them and then change your account settings as well as your password.

Check your friends list. If you've gotten a friend request from someone you think is already your friend, check your friends list to see if this could be a duplicate, fake account.

Report suspicious activity. Report scammers and impersonations to help protect your real friends and family from a scam. You can reduce the risk of having your profile impersonated by tightening up your privacy settings and hiding your Friends list.

If you are thinking about investing in cryptocurrency, here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Tips to help avoid cryptocurrency investment scams

Do not say "yes" to cryptocurrency stock purchases from an aggressive cold caller, even if the claims sound plausible, particularly if the recommended stocks are very low-priced. Don't feel guilty about hanging up. Not answering at all, or hanging up the phone, are generally the best and safest responses to a cold caller or anyone aggressively pitching low-priced stocks or other investment opportunities.

Be suspicious of anyone who makes guarantees that an investment will perform a certain way. Also, be wary of pushy sales pitches that encourage you to "act now."

Research

opportunities before investing. Use FINRA BrokerCheck® to the check registration status of, and for additional information about, the people and firms who tout these opportunities.

Find out whether a company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Check the SEC's EDGAR database. Read the reports and verify any information you have heard about the company. But remember, the fact that a company has registered its securities or files reports with the SEC doesn't mean that the company will be a good investment in general—or the right investment for you.

See BBB's Cybersecurity Resources page and our cryptocurrency tips at BBB.org/crypto.

Check out the National Cyber Security Alliance's Privacy Tips, including

special information for teens, parents, older adults, mobile users, and more.

If you or someone you know comes across this or any other type of scam, please report it to BBB.org/scamtracker.

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IN Seeks Applications For 2nd Round Of Grants To Support Education Programs

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced that it is accepting applications for a second round of Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants, intended to support child care, early care and education and out-of-school time programs that have faced increased costs and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds awarded in this round will cover five months of providers' operating expenses, allowing them to stabilize their operations and invest in their businesses to build capacity for the future.

During the first round of stabilization grants, 2,777 providers across the state were awarded a total of \$152 million. Providers have used their grant funds to increase wages for early childhood staff, create staff appreciation events and award bonuses, pay off facility mortgages, hire additional staff and offer professional development opportunities.

Stabilization grants are part of multiple state-organized initiatives made possible through federal COVID-19 assistance to support programs, children and families. A full, detailed impact report on the \$250 million deployed by Indiana's Build, Learn, Grow child care relief and recovery efforts is available here.

"The first round of grants enabled providers to recover and strengthen their operations as they continue to face myriad challenges brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased supply and material costs and staffing shortages," said Nicole Norvell, director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. "Our hope is that this second round will further stabilize our state's early childhood industry which is critical to our whole state, allowing families to work and businesses and

communities to thrive."

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants are non-competitive and awarded on a rolling basis, but providers are encouraged to apply quickly to gain immediate access to funding. Providers can use grant funds to cover expenses across six categories:

- Personnel costs related to hiring, compensating, training or retaining staff
 - Employee recruitment and retention to attract and retain staff
 - Facility fees, maintenance and improvements required to pay for, maintain or improve their facilities
 - COVID-19 safety-related needs to keep staff and children safe
 - Goods and services necessary to resume and strengthen operations
 - Mental health supports such as counseling for children and employees
 - Health and safety training
- Grant amounts are calculated per child care site, based on each provider's program type, average attendance, staffing costs, quality level and geography. Grant awards for this round will total approximately five months of a provider's operating costs. A provider's total amount of grant funding received through the Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant program is capped at \$850,000 per site for the duration of the program. Providers who received funding during the first round must complete an expenditure report before applying for a grant in Round 2.
- Indiana announced the first round of Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants on Oct. 6, 2021. More than 3,600 child care providers across Indiana, serving more than 100,000 Hoosier children from birth to age 12, are eligible to apply. Programs (including licensed centers, child care homes, unlicensed registered

ministries or legally-licensed exempt providers) must have been licensed or registered to operate in the state of Indiana on March 11, 2021, if not active in the CCDF program, or licensed or registered by Jan. 14, 2021, if active in the CCDF program. Programs must also be open and currently serving children and in good standing.

Providers can learn more about Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants and apply at Stabilization.BuildLearnGrow.org. The site contains an introductory webinar, application walkthrough and FAQs. All applications must be received no later than April 15, 2022, though providers are encouraged to apply immediately.

About the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning

The Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is a division of the Indi-

ana Family and Social Services Administration. The office oversees early child care, education and out-of-school-time programs.

The vision of the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is that every Indiana community will have a strong network of Early Care and Education and Out-of-School Time programs that support the child, the family and local schools. Programs will be high quality, affordable and accessible to enable families to work effectively to obtain economic self-sufficiency. Children will thrive in programs that meet their developmental and educational needs and make them feel welcome, encouraged and supported. Professionals teaching and caring for children will have the resources, including training and education, needed to operate and maintain high-quality programs.

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National Wear Red Day® Calls On Hoosier Women To ‘Reclaim Your Rhythm’

The American Heart Association, the leading global volunteer organization dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke, is rallying women in Indiana to “Reclaim Your Rhythm” on Friday, Feb. 4 as a part of the Association’s Go Red for Women® National Wear Red Day®. This February, Go Red for Women is helping women reclaim their rhythm by promoting easy opportunities for women to build healthy habits that work best for their life, giving them the best chance at life. On Friday, Feb. 4, crank up the tunes, get on your groove on and wear red to raise awareness about the prevalence of heart disease in women and donate to save women’s lives. According to the American Heart Association’s 2022 Heart Disease & Stroke Statistical Update, cardiovascular disease remains the greatest health threat

for women. Experts say the effects of COVID-19 are likely to influence cardiovascular health and mortality rates for many years[1], directly and indirectly, physically, and emotionally. This is why the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women® movement, nationally sponsored by CVS Health, is asking women to make moves today to have healthier tomorrows. “Heart disease has long been the leading killer of women, but these past two years have been more challenging than ever,” said Jessica Nickloy, president of Etica Group and chair of the Go Red for Women movement in Indianapolis. “Women everywhere are having a tougher time with their physical and emotional health. It’s critical that we seize the opportunity to reclaim our rhythm and set ourselves up for better long-term health so we can enjoy the upcoming years



American Heart Association®

with the ones we love.” Through the Go Red for Women movement, the American Heart Association encourages people to take action in February by:

- Wearing red on National Wear Red Day, Friday, Feb. 4, to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease.
- Taking steps to reclaim their rhythm:
 - o Mellow out and reduce stress
 - o Move to the music
 - o Feed your soul, rock your recipes
 - o Stay on beat with your blood pressure
 - o Keep the beat! Learn Hands-Only CPR

- Making a donation to support the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association at WearRedDay.org. Big Lots and the Big Lots Foundation will match online donations on National Wear Red Day, up to \$333,333.
- Joining Research Goes Red, a joint collaboration between the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women and Verily’s Project Baseline to engage more women directly to participate in research.
- Joining the conversation by using #WearRedDay, #HeartMonth and #GoRedforWomen on

social media. Learn more at GoRedforWomen.org. About the American Heart Association The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We are dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and powered by millions of volunteers, we fund innovative research, advocate for the public’s health and share lifesaving resources. The Dallas-based organization has been a leading source of health information for nearly a century. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1. About Go Red for Women The American Heart Association’s signature initiative, Go Red for Women®, is a comprehensive platform designed to increase women’s heart

health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally. While the majority of cardiac events can be prevented, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in women, claiming the lives of 1 in 3 women. For 18 years, Go Red for Women has encouraged awareness. The movement harnesses the energy, passion and power of women to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease. It challenges them to know their risk for heart disease and take action to reduce their personal risk. It also gives them tools they need to lead a heart healthy life. The Go Red for Women movement is nationally sponsored by CVS Health, with additional support from national cause supporters. For more information, please visit GoRedforWomen.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (242-8721).

USDA Invests \$1.4 Billion To Support Rural America

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the Department is investing \$1.4 billion to help a diverse rural America keep resources and wealth right at home (PDF, 383 KB) through job training, business expansion and technical assistance. The programs these investments are being made through are part of a suite of business and cooperative services

that are projected to help create or save more than 50,000 jobs in rural America through investments made in fiscal year 2021. “For some time, rural America has been at the mercy of an extraction economy, where resources are taken from rural lands only to create jobs and economic opportunity in urban and suburban areas,” Vilsack said. “That’s why USDA is committed to do-

ing what we can to change that extraction economy into a circular economy, where value is added closer to home, so the wealth created in rural areas stays in rural areas. Today’s announcement underlines the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to helping transform the economy and bring high-paying jobs and economic opportunities to the people who need it most.”

The funding announced today will help people and businesses in diverse communities and industries throughout 49 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. It will help companies hire more workers and reach new customers. It will open the door to new economic opportunities for communities and people who historically have lacked access to critical resources and financing.

Thanks for reading **The Times!**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, the Town of Sheridan, Indiana (“Town”) will convene a Special Call meeting of the Town Council, to hold a public hearing on an annexation ordinance under Ind. Code § 36-4-3-5.1. The annexation ordinance shall consider the annexation into the Town of Sheridan of 23120 Mule Barn Road, 46069.
For further information, please contact Elizabeth A. Walden, Clerk-Treasurer at (317)758-5293
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HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 9:45 a.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 904856268#
/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET NO. 21-RZ-04
The Sheridan Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the 17th day of February 2022, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 at 6 p.m.
The Application submitted by Arbor Homes requests that rezoning from AG-1 to R2 be granted for the property located at approximately 900 ft. east of Hinesley Rd on the north side of W. 246th Street
The Plan Commission would certify to the Sheridan Town Council with a favorable recommendation, with an unfavorable recommendation, or with no recommendation. Interested persons may file written suggestions or objections concerning the request with the Sheridan Plan Commission located at Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 and/or they may contact the commission at 317-758-5293 for assistance. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Sheridan Plan Commission at the above specified time and place.
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ers market in Hamilton County, is celebrating its 31st year of existence this summer. The market is held every Saturday from May 7th to October 15th from 8am-Noon at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.
About Noblesville Main Street: Noblesville Main Street (NMS) enriches the culture and community of Noblesville’s downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique places and experiences. A 501 c3 not-for-profit organization, NMS is 100% funded through annual corporate and partner sponsorships. To learn more, visit: <https://www.noblesvillemainstreet.org/>.

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Number Stumpers

1. What percentage of the county does Connersville make up? \geq
2. How long ago was the automotive era for Fayette? \leq
3. What is the population density of the county? \geq
4. How old is Fayette County? \leq

Answers: 1. About 3.6% 2. 111 Years 3. About 112.6 per square mile 4. 201 Years

Did You Know?

- Fayette County was founded in 1819 and named for Marquis de la Fayette.
- Connersville, the county seat, is the only incorporated city in the county and is home to the county's only high school.
- The county is 215.16 square miles and has a population of 24,277 residents.
- Fayette County's automotive era began in 1909 with the McFarlan went into production.
- Connersville has a population of 13, 481 and is only 7.76 square miles.

Got Words?

Although Fayette County was economically significant in the early 19th and 20th centuries, it is now among the poorest counties in the state. How do you think Fayette and other struggling counties can transform their economic hardships for the better?

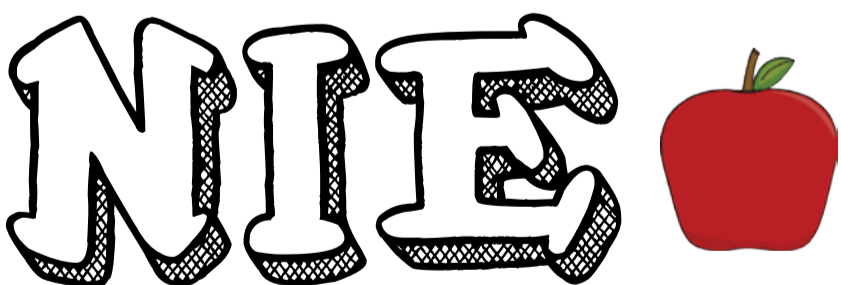
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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Purdue University Global providing tuition reductions to IDOC employees and their family

In continuing its mission to provide access to quality education for all, Purdue University Global is teaming with the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) to offer access to its myriad online degrees and certificate programs.

IDOC employees and their immediate family members who live in Indiana can now take advantage of a 25% tuition reduction on undergraduate degrees and certificates, and a 10% tuition reduction on graduate or doctoral degrees or certificates. Furthermore, they can take a three-week class trial with no financial obligation.

"We are pleased to offer the hardworking members of the Indiana Department of Correction and their family members this opportunity to achieve their education and career goals online, as they enhance their skills and expand their knowledge," Purdue Global Provost Jon Harbor said. "We look forward to welcoming them to the Purdue Global family and

celebrating their achievements."

As part of the partnership benefits, Purdue Global is allowing IDOC training to be counted for select courses, offering employees up to 24 quarter transfer credits toward an associate or bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Purdue Global.

"Our staff are committed to growth, change and finding new avenues that makes them better employees and people," said Angela D. Sutton, deputy commissioner of diversity and development for the Indiana Department of Correction. "Partnering with Purdue Global provides a valuable opportunity for our staff and their family members to create new possibilities for their future."

Purdue Global offers IDOC employees more than 175 online programs, including business, criminal justice, human services, nursing and psychology, among others.

Textbooks and course materials are included for

undergraduate programs, and additional benefits include waivers on resource fees and free tutoring in math, writing and science.

About Purdue University Global

Purdue University Global delivers personalized online education tailored to the unique needs of adults who have work or life experience beyond the classroom, enabling them to develop essential academic and professional skills with the support and flexibility they need to achieve their career goals. It offers personalized paths for students to earn an associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, based on their work experience, desired pace, military service, previous college credits and other considerations – no matter where they are in their life journey. Purdue Global is a nonprofit, public university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. It is affiliated with Purdue University's flagship institution, a highly ranked public research

university located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Purdue University also operates regional campuses in Fort Wayne and Northwest Indiana, as well as serving science, engineering and technology students at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) campus. For more information, visit purdue-global.edu.

About Indiana Department of Correction

The Indiana Department of Correction is the largest state agency in Indiana, operating 21 correctional facilities throughout the state. The department employs about 6,000 people and serves more than 24,000 incarcerated individuals and thousands more through parole and post-release services. IDOC's mission is to promote public safety by providing meaningful, effective opportunities for successful re-entry, including programming and services inside facilities, by serving as the model of best correctional practices.

Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter to host virtual day of action

Volunteer advocates from across the state will urge lawmakers to pass legislation to help Hoosiers affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia during the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter's virtual Day of Action on Feb. 1, 2022.

Alzheimer's Association advocates will push for three legislative priorities, including SB 353, authored by Sen. Vaneta Becker (R-Evansville) and Sen. Stacey Donato (R-Logansport), which would require minimum dementia training standards for home health aides.

"More and more Hoosiers facing dementia are opting for in-home care, yet home health aides in Indiana receive little or no training on caring for someone with the disease," said David Sklar, director of government affairs, Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter. "It is crucial that home health aides receive adequate training so they are prepared to provide quality patient-centered care."

Advocates will also push for HB 1087, authored by Rep. Ethan Manning (R-Logansport), to create a dementia coordinator role in state government and two

proposed bills – HB 1123, authored by Rep. Gregory Porter (D-Indianapolis) and SB 112, authored by Sen. Donato – that would add Alzheimer's expertise to Indiana's Medicaid Advisory Committee.

"We had a major public policy victory in Indiana last year with the passage of a bill to require a state dementia plan," continued Sklar. "That law was a critical first step in making Indiana a more dementia-friendly state, and we hope to build on that momentum during this session with an ambitious agenda. State legislators on both sides of the aisle recognize the urgent need to address this issue."

About 110,000 Hoosiers are currently living with Alzheimer's disease. Another 215,000 are serving as unpaid family caregivers. The cost of serving Hoosiers living with Alzheimer's and dementia on the Medicaid program reached \$1.1 billion in 2020, and that number is expected to increase more than 17 percent by 2025.

Registration for the virtual Day of Action is open, and no prior advocacy experience is required. More information is available at bit.ly/INadvocacy2022.

Rokita sues Google over deceptive practices

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit alleging that Google has misled consumers by falsely representing the extent to which users may control how their location data is accessed, stored, used and monetized by Google.

"Protecting Hoosiers from Big Tech's deceptive and unfair practices continues to be a major focal point of my administration," Attorney General Rokita said. "Consumers tend to believe the promises that companies make to them, and I'm here to hold businesses accountable when they unlawfully betray consumers' trust."

Attorney General Rokita's lawsuit aims to penalize Google for violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and to ensure that going forward consumers can both understand and control the ways in which their personal data is obtained and used.

Attorney General Rokita and his team have worked in bipartisan collaboration with the attorneys general of the District of Columbia, Texas and the state of

Washington — all of whom are also filing lawsuits against Google over their handling of location data.

From at least 2014 through the present, Google has falsely indicated that consumers can protect their privacy through settings supposedly enabling them to stop Google from tracking and using their locations. In reality, however, there is effectively no way for consumers to prevent Google from collecting, storing and profiting from their location data.

"Google has prioritized profits over people," Attorney General Rokita said. "It has prioritized financial earnings over following the law. We Hoosiers are the first to salute business success, but we also expect companies to be honest and obey the rules."

Although Google is known for a variety of products and services, most of its revenues come from targeted advertising and advertising analytics. To support this lucrative arm of its business, Google harvests consumers' personal data in order to pitch them

products based on their predicted interests. Google also uses such data to evaluate the effectiveness of its targeted ads in influencing consumers' purchasing decisions.

The company's deceptive practices became widely known following a 2018 story by the Associated Press. After that story, multiple states began investigating Google's location tracking practices.

The states' investigation revealed that Google purports to offer consumers customizable controls enabling them to choose the data Google collects and uses. But Google's ambiguous, contradictory and incomplete statements about these controls have all but guaranteed that consumers would not understand when their location is retained by Google or for what purposes.

Even a limited amount of location data, aggregated over time, can expose a person's identity and routines. Location can be used to infer sensitive personal details, such as political or religious affiliation,

income, health status or participation in support groups — as well as major life events such as marriage, divorce and the birth of children.

With this lawsuit, Attorney General Rokita seeks to ensure that Hoosiers are no longer coerced into trading away their privacy. Further, he seeks to force Google to disgorge all profits and benefits obtained from its unlawful practices. And finally, he seeks to impose civil penalties for Google's violations of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act.

In addition to this lawsuit involving data privacy, Attorney General Rokita has also pursued antitrust litigation against Big Tech companies Facebook and Google. Further, he has battled Big Tech's censorship of Hoosier voices with investigations into Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, and Twitter — probing how these companies have potentially harmed Indiana consumers through business practices that are abusive, deceptive, and/or unfair.

475 Indiana schools to focus on students' overall health during American Heart Month

In February, American Heart Month, 475 schools representing more than 190,000 students in Indiana will spotlight the importance of students' mental and physical health through the American Heart Association's school-based programs Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge.

Throughout the month, schools will work with students in a variety of ways to activate different elements of the over 40-year-old program created by the American Heart Association, a global force for healthier lives for all. Rooted in proven science, the program helps students improve their mental and physical health with a robust suite of content including STEM curriculum, social emotional learning and instruction of lifesaving skills such as Hands-Only CPR™.

"As we know, the early years play a vital role in the development of health-related behaviors. Placing emphasis on establishing healthy environments and behaviors can help students understand the importance of wellness," said Dr. Shawn A. Smith, superintendent of schools for the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township. "Giving health a specific moment in time, especially in light of the pandemic, is an important way for our school to support our students."

With deep roots in physical activity, Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge have expanded beyond the gym to meet the needs of today's youth and educators as science has proven the strong connection between physical and mental health.

Kids Heart Challenge offers a variety of physical

activities to get elementary students' hearts pumping such as dance, basketball or jumping rope paired with digital missions to learn life-saving skills like Hands-Only CPR™. The American Heart Challenge is a service-learning program for middle and high school students. The program also helps boost heart health and self-esteem, while reducing stress and anxiety through programs featuring yoga, dance and obstacle courses. Both programs' curriculums help prepare kids for success by supporting physical and emotional well-being.

"We know that mental health concern or issues such as stress and anxiety can impact physical health. We also know that physical activity can help students improve their grades, school attendance and classroom behavior," says Dr. Sandeep Dube, a cardiologist who is president of the AHA's Indianapolis board of directors. "Pairing both mental and physical wellness with in-school education and enrichment works to holistically support the long-term health of the whole child."

Funds raised by Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge participants support the American Heart Association's scientific research and outreach programs, while creating healthier communities.

Schools interested in participating in either Kids Heart Challenge or American Heart Challenge can still register for the current school year and receive expanded curriculum resources for both classrooms and in-home learning environments. To learn more about other school programs please visit www.heart.org/schools.

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center offering scholarships for '22 trip to Poland

CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center exists to empower the world with hope, healing, respect, and responsibility. Through education, we shine a light on the story of the Holocaust, Eva Mozes Kor, and other survivors. Join us as we travel to Poland to experience Eva's extraordinary journey through her audio tour, but also learn the history of authentic sites with professional guides. Become a witness to the healing power of forgiveness in order to be the change that the world needs.

Through a generous gift from the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation, CANDLES is offering three \$3,000 scholarships for students and three \$2,000 scholarships for teachers. The application is available on our website, but the deadline is February 25th

at 4:00 pm ET, so don't delay!

Preliminary Itinerary (Subject to change):

Saturday, June 18: Depart USA from Chicago

Sunday, June 19: Arrive in Krakow, get situated at hotel

Monday, June 20: Jewish Quarter tour, Plaszow Concentration Camp tour, and Krakow City Tour

Tuesday, June 21: Tour Auschwitz I with guides
Wednesday, June 22: Tour Auschwitz-Birkenau with guides

Thursday, June 23: Audio tour at Auschwitz I and Birkenau

Friday, June 24: Final audio tour at Auschwitz-Birkenau with memorial ceremony, Wieliczka Salt Mine tour

Saturday, June 25: Free day (Suggestions available)

Sunday, June 26: Return to USA

In addition to admission

to all of these exhibits:

- Economy class flight from Chicago to Krakow ("complete" trip package only)
- Tour bus transportation from Terre Haute, IN to Chicago, IL
- Tour bus transportation in Krakow
- All meals are included except for two lunches and two dinners on your own
- 4-star hotel accommodations
- Daily professional guide services
- A Journey through Auschwitz, Audio Tour

The audio tour, A Journey through Auschwitz, is a three-part tour of the concentration camps, Auschwitz I and Auschwitz-Birkenau. The audio tour totals over three hours of information. The journey follows Eva Mozes Kor's life within the concentration camps using her own voice to

tell the listener about her arrival and entry into the camp, her first-hand experiences, and liberation in vivid detail. Eva then shares her story of forgiveness.

For further information and to register for the trip, please visit the "Auschwitz Trip" section of the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center website under the "Trips" tab or follow the link provided here: <https://candleholocaustmuseum.org/trips/>

Important Dates:
February 25th 4:00pm ET: Scholarship deadline

March 2: Notify scholarship winners

March 7: Accept or decline scholarship

March 15: Final payment due
If you have any questions, please contact us at trips@candleholocaustmuseum.org or call 812.234.7881.