#### TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.



FACES OF **HAMILTON COUNTY** People who call our community their own

What makes Barb McEvoy smile? "Good friends and flowers," said the Noblesville resident, a retired insurance underwriter, who took up pressed-flower art in retirement. She was found demonstrating the art of creating detailed, exquisite pieces from her dried, pressed flowers at the Hamilton County Artists' Association Birdie Gallery in Noblesville, where she is a juried member. "I think about what I want in the picture, then I decide what plant material I'm going to use to make it a picture, to make it the art." She said, "I paint with petals." Barb has her artwork in the gallery and its gift shop. She was also juried in for her pressed flower jewelry, modeling her necklace (above). Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. Her pressed flower art earned first place in its category in Nature's Inspirations Art Exhibit in 2019 at Cool Creek Nature Center. She has always loved sewing and home decorating and growing flowers. She earned a certificate in fresh floral design at IUPUI, which helps her create arrangements in her artwork. She has a husband, Chris, one daughter, Anne, and a granddaughter, Zoe, who also loves art. Born in Greensburg, she grew up in Indianapolis, moving there when she was 2. She most recently lived in Carmel. Other passions? She likes to cook and bake. The next 2022 HCAA First Friday event is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 4 at the Birdie Gallery, 195 S. Fifth St., in downtown Noblesville. The event is free and open to the community. The First Friday will feature an award ceremony for the inaugural Midwest Juried Art Exhibit. Accepted mediums were oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, pencil, ink and mixed media. The Best of Show will be awarded \$1,000 with merit awards for best in categories. The HCC also has an ongoing exhibit featuring juried artist members at NobleMade Gift Shop inside the Noblesville Visitor Center in downtown Noblesville. For more information on the HCAA.

#### And Another Thing...

will be holding the following meeting at the Delaware Township Government

Thursday, February 24, 2022 @ 5:30pm Trustee's Annual Report to the Board



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Rendering courtesy of The City of Noblesville

The largest segment of the funding the city recieved will go towards phase 1 of the Reimagine Pleasent Street project, which aims to reduce congestion on SR 32 and immprove east-west connectivity in Noblesville.

# **City of Noblesville Receives \$10.3M In New MPO Funding For Infrastructure Projects**

The City of Noblesville has received a total of \$12,219,034 from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO). This includes a new award of \$10,359,670 for three major infrastructure projects within the city and increased financial support in the amount of \$1,859,364 for two previously awarded projects. The IMPO governing board approved the grants during its meeting this morning.

"We are grateful to have IMPO's and the Noblesville

Common Council's partnership and support with these projects. All of the new projects and the previously awarded trail projects will provide better and safer mobility in our city," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said.

Noblesville had three of the 30 Central Indiana projects that were awarded a total of \$78 million.

"The financial support lessens the burden on our city as we make these necessary improvements to address traffic issues and enhance pedestrian

connectivity," Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski said.

Noblesville's projects include: • Pleasant Street - Phase I -

The Reimagine Pleasant Street project is a multi-year initiative that will result in improved east-west connectivity and accessibility for our growing city. This corridor will relieve traffic congestion off of State Road 32 by connecting Hague Road to State Road 37 and provide an

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## **Hammer Takes** Whoopi's Side?



TIM TIMMONS

"Timmons, are you familiar with The View?"

Seven words, albeit spoken in a voice loud as thunder, and I wondered if my heart was

going to attack John Hammer and me both. My first thought was I wondered if that electric fly zapper thingamabob could

double as a defibrillator? For those new to these scribblings, John Hammer is a mountain of a man. February, with all its red, is a good month for him because that's exactly the color of his neck and the red (white and blue) all-American blood coursing through his veins. He loves this country and has a hard time with those who don't. Every so often he comes by to share what's on his mind and somehow, despite his size, manages to sneak in unnoticed and scares the living bejeezus out of me.

"Yeah, John. I know the show. It's a panel of women who-

'They're idiots," Hammer interrupted.

'Well, idiots is a pretty strong term, John. I think-

That's not the point though, Timmons. Did you hear that one

of them got suspended because

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:34 a.m. SET: 6:22 p.m.



High/Low **Temperatures** High: 57 °F Low: 56 °F



#### **Wacky Holiday Today**

 National Cabbage Day • National Public Science Day



#### What Happened On This Day

• 1992 Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer is jailed for life • 1863 A precursor of the Red Cross and Red Crescent is founded





#### **Births On This Day**

- 1981 Paris Hilton American model, actress, singer
- 1963 Michael Jordan American basketball player

#### **Deaths On This Day**

- 1982 Thelonious Monk American pianist, compos-
  - 1856 Heinrich Heine German poet

#### visit https://www.hcaa-in.org/

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee

Browning loves '80s rock bands and recites random fun facts about his favorite

college radio

hair bands on his hour-long



show. He thrives on live theater and is accustomed to playing the comic relief.

show at Ball State University.

He loves to watch comedies on the big screen and "can't help but spit out one-liners like a b-list Bill Murray."

Noblesville's Logan Browning, a 2020 Noblesville High School

random facts about the bands during his WCRD 91.3 FM radio

NHS Grad Loves '80s Bands, Comedy One-

Liners, Making People Laugh, Theater, More

graduate, plays music by his favorite '80s bands and recites

A 2020 Noblesville High School graduate and a sophomore at Ball State University, majoring in video production and screenwriting, he has dreams of becoming a filmmaker one day.

"I'd love to make 'older-style' comedies, such as 'Stripes,'
'Animal House,' 'Tommy Boy.'
Just goofy movies for everyone to enjoy," he said.

Browning is all about making people laugh.

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#### OBITUARIES

**David Edgar Bentley** Alan L. Finch **Gary Richard Towle** Thomas "Tom" E. Brinker Lowell Ray Logan ...and more on A2.



#### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're not already seeing an eye doctor, you should have a baseline screening at age 40.

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.

#### HONEST HOOSIER

On this date in 1996 chess champ Gary Kasparov beat supercomputer Deep Blue in chess, proving there was still hope for the human race.

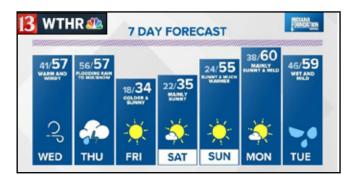


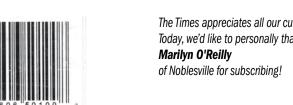
#### TODAY'S QUOTE

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." John F. Kennedy

#### 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Here's a thought to ponder: The rotation of our planet really makes my day!







PAGE TWO THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 2022

## **OBITUARIES**

#### **David Edgar Bentley** Oct. 16 1942 - Feb 12, 2022

David Edgar Bentley, age 79 of Talihina, Oklahoma passed away from this life on Feb. 12th, 2022 in Oklahoma City,

He was born on Oct. 16th 1942 in Noblesville, Ind., to Mary Alice (Reel) and Chester James Bentley.

Mr. Bentley enlisted in the U.S Army National Guard from 1960-1974. He worked as a street superintendent at Marlow.

He married the love of his life, Alta Ruth (Harrison) in Celina, Tenn., in 1974 and they began their life journey together.

Mr. Bentley was a member of the Grace Indian Baptist Church. He was a gun smith and a member of Marlow Gun Fighters Association.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Survivors include his wife of the home. Alta Bentley: childrenDerrick Bentley of South Carolina, Michelle Childers of Noblesville, Ind., Victor Bentley of Noblesville, Ind., and Jeff Jacks of Duncan, Okla.; fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; and siblings William Bentley and Terry Bentley.

He is preceded in passing by his son David Ray Bentley; brothers Chester James Bentley Jr. and Keith Bentley; and sister Brenda Sue Purser.

A Memorial will be set at a later date. Cremation services are being provided by McCarn Funeral Service of Talihina, Okla.

#### Alan L. Finch

Aug. 7, 1946 - Feb. 14, 2022

Alan L. Finch, 75, Indianapolis, passed away Mon., Feb. 14, 2022, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis following an extended illness.

He was born Aug. 7, 1946, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Albert Finch and Phyllis (Taylor) Finch.

Mr. Finch graduated from Indianapolis Arsenal Tech High School in

He founded Crazy Al's Pizza and Music Venue in Broad Ripple. There, he hosted many top bands in their early years. Al also worked as a manager/ designer for Russ Dellen Oldsmobile, in their conversion van operation. Most recently he worked in the retail

Mr. Finch served his country in the United States Army Reserve for six years. He was a charter member of the Daybreak Community Church in Lapel. He was a 25-year season ticket holder at Beef and Boards Dinner Theater and a 10-year season ticket holder of the Indianapolis Indians.

Survivors include his six children, William G. (Linda) Price, Tamara (Bryan) Terry, Julia (James) Arney, Mary Beth (Chris) Bates, Genevieve Price and Alan (Casey) Finch; ten grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren

Alan was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Barbara Joan; sisters Pamela Hazel, Patricia McClintock and Linda Finch; and a son, John Michael

A Funeral Service is scheduled to be held at 4 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 18, 2022, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 North Main Street, Lapel, Ind. with Pastor Tim Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation is scheduled to be from 3 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home on Fri., Feb. 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to Daybreak Community Church.

Online condolences can be made at www.hersbergerbozell.com.

#### **Gary Richard Towle** Nov. 12, 1947 - Feb. 13, 2022

Gary Richard Towle, 74, of Nobles-

ville, passed away on Sun., Feb. 13, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on Nov. 12, 1947 to

Robert and Elizabeth (Jossens) Towle in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Mr. Towle proudly served his country in the United States Air Force at Nellis AFB where he maintained F-111 instrument panels. He worked as a machine tool sales engineer.

Mr. Towle was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic usher and volunteered. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, very adventurous, and a member of the International Harvester 4-Wheel-

ers Club. He loved Veteran's Day. Mr. Towle enjoyed stained glass and was a handyman in his retirement. He was very resourceful, a modern-day "McGyver". He was president of the Potter's Bridge HOA and volunteered with a lot of maintenance projects. Mr. Towle was a loving and devoted father and husband and enjoyed taking trips with his wife. He was a thoughtful, kind, and caring man who always considered others before himself.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Fran Towle; daughters Melissa Towle and Carrie Towle; and his grandson Zachary Lewis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Bob Towle and Edmond Towle and sister-inlaw, Judy Towle.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m., with visitation from 9:30 am to 11 a.m., on Fri., Feb. 18, 2022 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street in Noblesville, with The Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (www.ologn.org).

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.

Church where he served as head

Thomas "Tom" E. Brinker July 27, 1941 - Feb. 7, 2022

Thomas "Tom" E. Brinker, 80, of Noblesville, was a loving, caring, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend. He left this world suddenly on Mon., Feb. 7, 2022 at his home.

He was born on July 27, 1941 to Norman and Elizabeth (McAttee) Brinker in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Brinker was a manager and supervisor for over 31 years in the telecommunications field, working at AT&T and Indiana Bell. He owned Tom Brinker Hardwood Floors Company. He was a perfectionist and took extreme pride in his work and workmanship. He was truly an artist in his field.

Mr. Brinker was a very good father and super fun and energetic grandfather. He spent much time with his family traveling, camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, and much more. Memories of time spent together having fun and adventures as a family will always be deeply cherished and deeply missed.

Mr. Brinker's young son, Tommy, always idolized his father for many reasons, but considerably because his father could fix ANYTHING. Tommy grew up wanting very much to be like his father when he grew up and will miss phone calls and visits soliciting help and advice. Daughter, Debbie, has been known, on more than one occasion, to prod her husband into fixing something by offering to call her Dad who can fix anything!

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Edna Brinker; daughter Debbie (Keith) Stockberger and son Tom(my) Libby); grandchildren Ashlee (Luke) Edgerton, Jessica (Chris) Bello, Callee (Kyle) Stout, Leelynn (Turner) Lesnick, Lindsey Boes (Arek Ryzak), and Landon Boes (fiancé Megan Gabor); great-grandchildren Makaela, Adalynn, Austin, Emerald, Mila, Jack, Leon, Sia and Maddox. He is also survived by brothers Norm, Steve, Paul, Rick and David; sister Betsy, along with numerous brothers and sisters-in law, cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by

his brother, Butch. Rest In Peace, Dad. We love you so much. You will

be deeply missed. The Brinker Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts

Funeral Home with Tom's care. A Celebration of Life is scheduled to be held Feb. 26,

2022, at 10 a.m., with a memorial service scheduled at 11:30 a.m. at Mercy Road Church Northwest, 9511 Angola Court, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268. A meal will follow at the church.

The family has requested donations be made in Tom's memory to: Senior Citizens Organization, Inc., 18336 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Ind. 46060 (www. Seniorcitizensorg.org).

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.

#### **Lowell Ray Logan**

Feb. 17, 1939 - Feb. 14, 2022 Lowell Ray Logan, 82, of Arcadia,

passed away on Mon., Feb. 14, 2022 surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1939 to Taso and Edna Logan at their home in Monroe, Tenn.

Mr. Logan was one of five children and spent his childhood helping his mom and dad on their family farm with his

siblings. In the late 1950s, he traveled to Indiana to work with his brother Wendell at Chevrolet in Muncie, Ind. There he worked for 35 years as a skilled tradesman, started a family, and raised five children.

After retirement, Mr. Logan pursued his music career. He was most happy when entertaining crowds, his family, or anyone that would listen to the magic that he could produce with a fiddle. He traveled around with many bands playing bluegrass music including Bobby Jewel, Cliff Flatford and the Flatlanders, The Ed Hamilton Band, and The Clear Creek BlueGrass Band. Mr. Logan even got the opportunity to play with Jamie Dailey and teach many accomplished fiddle players how to play the fiddle including Sierra Hull and Jessica Wesley. Music was his true passion and where he was most happy.

Recently, Mr. Logan enjoyed sitting outside in the sun, spending time with his family, and watching his grandkids play.

He will be remembered for his beautiful music, his great smile, and his sense of humor that could be easily missed if not paying attention.

Survivors include his sister, Bernita Gately; his children, Penny Jo Halloway, Melanie Russell, Cheryl (Dale) Twiford and Tom (Lisa) Logan; 10 grandchildren, Abby Russell, Amanda (Cody) Engle, Mollee (Michael) Baglole, Matthew Russell, Nick Arthur, Anthony Arthur, Kara Arthur, Jarrid Logan, Jordyn (Brice) Ferguso and Jayla Logan; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Logan was preceded in death by his brothers Wendell, Donald and Jimmy Logan; the mother of his children, Judith Fearheiley; his son Timothy Lowell Logan; his sons-in-law Tracy Arthur and Mitchell Russell; and his granddaughter Courtney McConnell.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 23, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to be held immediately following at 7 p.m. at the funeral home, with The Rev. Andrew Smiley officiating.

Mr. Logan will be laid to rest at a later date at the Booher family Cemetery in Monroe, Tenn.

Condolences can be made online at www.randallroberts.com.



#### Margaret "Peggy" Briggs Spraker

Jan. 5, 1930 - Feb. 12, 2022

Margaret "Peggy" Briggs Spraker, 92, of Noblesville, passed away on Sat., Feb. 12, 2022 at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1930 to Leonard and Margaret (Hunt) Briggs in Trenton, New Jersey.

Mrs. Spraker graduated in 1951 from Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. She enjoyed tollwear painting and crafts. She was mostly a homemaker but worked as a manager for JoAnn Fabrics in Michigan. She was a fabric maker. Mrs. Spraker also worked as a computer backup manager for Horizon Bank.

She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and an alumni representative of Syracuse University recruitment. She was a member of Forest United Methodist Church in Virginia where she was actively involved in the building of the new church. Mrs. Praker also attended Cicero United Methodist Church upon moving to Indiana. She was an avid Bridge player, involved with the D.A.R., and enjoyed volunteering at Conner Prairie. She also loved to travel, especially to England.

Survivors include her son, Robert "Bob" (Mary Jane) Spraker; daughter Margaret (Danial) Smith; granddaughters Rebecca Jane Spraker and Alexandra Danielle Smith; grandson Joseph Robert Spraker II; great-grandson Zane Oliver Smith; and sister Mildred "Mimsi" (Richard) Harder.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Robert Spraker; sister Carol Baehre; and brother-in-law Bill Baehre.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 12 to 2 p.m., with services scheduled for 2 p.m., on Fri., Feb. 18, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Pastor Jesse Mullins will officiate. Additional services are scheduled to take place in April 2022 at Houghtaling & Smith Funeral Home in Canajoharie, New York. Mrs. Spraker will be laid to rest next to her husband at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Canajoharie, New York.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, Ind. 46038 (www.hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences can be made online at www.randallrob-

## **Local Students Named To Tufts Univ. Fall Dean's List**



Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

- Angela Chen of Carmel 46074 Class of 2025
- Peter LaBarge of Indianapolis 46256 Class
- of 2023 • Xander McGlothlin of Carmel 46032 Class of 2024
- Claire Wilkinson of Fishers 46037 Class of 2023

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and

Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.



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# Heights' Neiling Signs to Play Softball for Franklin College

Belle Neiling. Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play softball for Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana this fall. Franklin College is a member of the Heartland Conference and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Amie and Tony Neiling.

"I fell in love with Franklin College during my first visit," recalls Belle Neiling, of one of Indiana's oldest liberal arts institutions. "Meeting with Softball Head Coach, Angie Bain, sealed the deal." Neiling said she plans to be active at Franklin College and in the

community while earning a double major in psychology and sociology and minor in criminal justice to ultimately earn her doctorate in criminal psychology.

Neiling has been playing softball since the age of three and travel ball beginning at age eight. It was shortly after she started travel ball that she set her sights on playing at college. From there she would play year-round, attend camps, work with personal trainers, and build her skill in preparation for this opportunity.

Neiling started her softball career off at Hamilton Heights



Photo courtesy of Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Belle Neiling has signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Franklin College Grizzlies in Franklin, Indiana this fall. Neiling is pictured with her family (I-r); parents Amie and Tony Neiling and brothers Theo and Eli.

strong. She has been a varsity center-field starter all four years and has also been a five-season member

of Hamilton Heights Cheerleading squad. She received an All-County Honorable Mention, named Offensive Rookie

of the Year, a member of the All-Conference Team, Team Captain, and is among the Top 100 Softball Players in Indiana, Class of 2022.

In addition, she has been among Hamilton Heights' Top 10% since her freshman year, is a member of the National Honor Society and this year's secretary, Spanish and Bring Change to Mind clubs, a volunteer cheer coach, and works

at Pizza House. Neiling credits her parents as being the most influential in her development as a strong student athlete. She also credits her high school coaches, Ken Olovich, Dylan Baber, and

Shelby Willis as being instrumental readying her to play softball at the collegiate level.

"Belle has been a mainstay in the softball program since entering high school," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "She has been a tremendous leader on and off the field and an excellent role model for her teammates. We will miss her hustle, speed and determination but it's assuring to know she'll be an outstanding representative of Hamilton Heights and continue those same qualities while attending Franklin College."

# **BBB Scam Alert: Protect Yourself From Tax Scams**

Tax scams are among the most stubborn cons out there. They reappear often, each time with a slightly different spin. The main theme is scammers posing as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) trying to trick people into either paying up or sharing personal

information. IRS impersonation scams most often start with a phone call and take two basic forms. In the first version, the IRS "agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. If you don't comply, the scammer threatens you with arrest and fines. In the other version, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send your refund. This information can later be used for identity theft. Scammers also use this approach to target college students by claiming a "federal student tax" has not been paid.

You are pressured to act quickly. Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have time to think. The IRS will give you the chance to ask questions or appeal what you owe. Also, their first contact with you will always be by mail, not phone or email. Payment must be made by wire transfer, prepaid debit card, or other non-traditional payment methods. These methods are largely untraceable and non-reversible. The IRS will never demand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debt card numbers over the phone.

In the U.S., the IRS may call you about outstanding debts after reaching out by mail. See BBB's tips on IRS calls to tell if the IRS is really calling or if you are

talking to a scammer. Another tax scam to look out for is tax identity theft. This occurs when

government-issued identity number (Social Security number) to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. It can also be someone using your information to get a job. Consumers don't usually realize they have been victims of tax identity theft until they get a written notice from the IRS saying that more than one tax return was filed, or they were paid by an employer they don't know.

Email phishing scams appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus web site intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." The emails sometimes mention USA.gov and IRSgov (without a dot between "IRS" and "gov"). Don't get scammed; these emails are not from the IRS.

The best way to avoid tax identity theft is to file your taxes as early as possible. File before a scammer

has the chance to use your information to file a fake return.

In the U.S., jot down your Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS before you file your return. This is a six-digit number, which, in addition to your Social Security number, confirms your identity. It is important to note that you cannot opt-out once you get an IP PIN. So once you apply, you must provide the IP Pin each year when you file your federal tax returns. The IRS will provide your IP PIN online and then send you a new IP PIN each December by postal mail. Visit the IRS for more information about the program. Read BBB's tips about the IRS PIN.

The IRS does not initiate contact with tax payers by email, text message or social media to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit

cards, banks or other financial accounts.

Only deal with trustworthy tax preparation services. For many people, major life changes, business ownership, or simply a lack of knowledge about the ever-changing tax laws make finding a trustworthy tax preparer a good idea. That said, not all tax preparers have the same level of experience and training. See our tips for finding the right tax preparer for you.

Check out websites carefully and make sure you are accessing the real IRS website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

If you are the victim of tax identity theft, contact the IRS at 1-800-908-4490. You should also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at ftc.gov/complaint or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC also offers a personalized identity theft recovery plan at identitytheft.gov.

If you get tax information delivered electronically from your employer or other entity, treat that information carefully. Download it onto a password-protected computer.

For more information, visit the tax tips and resources page.

To report a tax scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker. To learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams."

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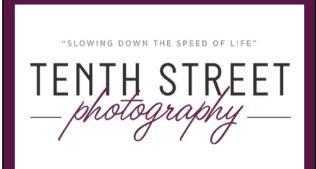






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NOTICE OF INTENT

Carmel/Clay Parks & Recreation is submitting an NOI letter to notify Hamilton County and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 and 327 IAC 15-13, to discharge storm water from the construction activities for the following project: River Heritage Park Improvements. The project will upgrade an existing City Park including new playground equipment, permeable pavement trail, and boardwalk. The project is located in Clay Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. More specifically, the project is located in Section S34, Township 18 North, Range 4 East. Runoff from this project will discharge to the White River. Questions or comments should be directed to:

Michael Klitzing Carmel/Clay Parks & Recreation 1411 East 116th Street Carmel, IN 46032 317-573-4018

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL CORPORATION OF RESOLUTION INITIATING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION Notice is hereby given in accordance with Indiana Code ("I.C.") 20-23-8-14(a) that the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Heights School Corporation approved on February 16, 2022, Resolution Initiating an Amended and Restated Plan of Organization Changing Governing Body Composition and Manner of Election ("Resolution"), which initiated an amended and restated plan of organization changing the composition of the governing body of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation composition and manner of its election ("Plan"). The Resolution, which includes therein the initiated Plan change, is as follows: (here follows text of Resolution)

RESTATED PLAN OF ORGANIZATION CHANGING GOVERNING BODY COMPOSITION AND MANNER OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of Hamilton Heights School Corporation ("Board") currently consists of a five-member, non-partisan elected Board with:
(i) two (2) members elected (a) as residents from within one of two geographically defined areas within the school corporation; (ii) two (2) members elected (a) as residents from within the second of two geographically defined areas within the school corporation; and

(iii) one (1) member elected (a) as an at-large member who may reside anywhere within the boundaries of the school corporation and (b) by voters residing anywhere within the school corporation; and WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that it should initiate a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing the Board; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code ("I.C.") 20-23-8, et. seq., provides the Board with the authority and process by which it may initiate a proposed plan to change the composition and method of electing a governing body of a public school corporation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Board that pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-10(a)(2), it adopts the following changes in the Hamilton Heights School Corporation Organization Plan by which members of the Board are to be elected following the Effective Date (as defined below).

(End of Recitals - Here Follows Plan Change)

Plan for Governing Body Composition Change

A. Board of School Trustees

1. Number & Residential Districts – The governance of Hamilton Heights School Corporation shall be vested in a non-partisan Board composed of five (5) members elected at a November general election in accordance with I.C. 20-23-4-29.1. There shall be two (5) geographically defined and limited residence districts from which two (2) members residing therein each, two from each district, shall be elected to the Board (thereby comprising a total of four (4) resident members) and an "at large" district comprised of the entire area of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation, from which one (1) member shall be elected. All five (5) members shall be elected by all voters residing within the school corporation. The Board intends that this manner of election be

a. White River Township Residence District – That portion of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation bounded by the boundaries of Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

b. Jackson Township Residence District – That portion of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation bounded by the boundaries of Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

2. Term of Office – Membership on the Board shall constitute a "lucrative office" as the term is used in Article 2, § 9 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana. Members shall be elected to a term of office of four (4) years commencing on January 1 of the year following the year of their election.

3. Organization and Appointment of Officers – The Board shall annually organize within fifteen (15) days after the commencement date of the members' terms of office, or within such time as might otherwise be required by law. The Board shall elect

among its membership a president, vice president, and secretary each of whom shall be a different member of the Board. The Board may make such other appointments as permitted by, and in accordance with, applicable law. 4. Compensation – Members shall be entitled to compensation for the performance of their duties on the Board, as limited by applicable law, and as determined, from time to time, by resolution of this Board.

5. Eligibility for Membership on Board – To be eligible to serve on the Board, a candidate for election to the Board must have attained the age of twenty-one (21) year immediately prior to the general election on which the candidate's name appears on the ballot for election to the Board. Candidates running for election to the Board as an "at-large" member must have been a continuous resident of the school corporation for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the general election on which the candidate's name appears on the ballot for election to the Board. Property ownership shall not be an eligibility requirement for a candidate seeking election to the Board.

6. Vacancies on Board – Vacancies on the Board existing because of the death of a school board member shall be filled in the manner provided by I.C. 20-26-4-4.5, as from time to time amended. Vacancies on the Board existing for any reason other than

the death

of an elected, qualified, and acting school board member shall be filled in the manner provided by I.C. 20-26-4-4(c), as from time to time amended B. Transition Plan Pending Board Elections

1. Schedule of Current Board Terms – The terms of office of the current members of the Board, their current corresponding election district, the date their current term began, and the date their current term ends, all as determined by the law and the Hamilton Heights School Corporation governing body selection plan then in effect at the time of their election, are:

Existing Election District (or at- large)	Current Member	Current Term Began	Current Term Ends
White River Township	Doug Ozolins	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
White River Township	Gretchen Pen- nington	1/1/2021	12/31/2024
Jackson Township	Julie Davis	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
Jackson Township	Kevin Cavanaugh	1/1/2021	12/31/2024
At-large	Arnett Cooper	1/1/2019	12/31/2022

2. Transition from Election District to Residence District Representation: The representation of the existing election districts shall be transitioned to residence district under this proposed plan change in the following manner: a. Member Ozolins currently (1) resides in, (2) represents, and (3) is elected solely by voters residing in White River Township. His residence will be within the geographically defined and limited White River Township Residence District under

this proposed plan as set forth in section A(1)(a) above. From the Effective Date of this proposed plan until the end of his present term, Member Ozolins shall be one of the two Board members from the White River Township Residence District under this

b. Member Pennington currently (1) resides in, (2) represents, and (3) is elected solely by voters residing in White River Township. Her residence will be within the geographically defined and limited White River Township Residence District under this proposed plan as set forth in section A(1)(a) above. From the Effective Date of this proposed plan until the end of her present term, Member Pennington shall be one of the two Board members from the White River Township Residence District under this c. Member Davis currently (1) resides in, (2) represents, and (3) is elected solely by voters residing in Jackson Township. Her residence will be within the geographically defined and limited Jackson Township Residence District under this proposed plan

as set forth in section A(1)(b) above. From the Effective Date of this proposed plan until the end of her present term, Member Davis shall be one of the two Board members from the Jackson Township Residence District under this proposed plan.

d. Member Cavanaugh currently (1) resides in, (2) represents, and (3) is elected solely by voters residing in Jackson Township. His residence will be within the geographically defined and limited Jackson Township Residence District under this proposed plan as set forth in section A(1)(b) above. From the Effective Date of this proposed plan until the end of his present term, Member Cavanaugh shall be one of the two Board members from the Jackson Residence District under this proposed plan.

e. Member Cooper is currently the one member elected as an at-large member who may reside anywhere within the geographic boundaries of the school corporation and is voted by all voters living within the school corporation. From the Effective Date

proposed plan until the end of his present term, Member Cooper shall be the one member elected by the at-large district, consisting of the entire boundaries of the school corporation.

3. Election Date for Board Members under Proposed Plan Change – Upon passage of this proposed plan change and its becoming effective upon the Effective Date, all members of the Board will be elected at general elections held in November of the appropriate years under the following schedule:

New Residence District (or at- large)	Current Mem- ber	Next Election	Next Seating
White River Township	Doug Ozolins	November 2022	1/1/2023
White River Township	"Gretchen Pennington"	November 2024	1/1/2025
Jackson Town- ship	Julie Davis	November 2022	1/1/2023
Jackson Town- ship	Kevin Cava- naugh	November 2024	1/1/2025
At-large	Arnett Cooper	November 2022	1/1/2023

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Except as specifically modified, all other terms of all adopted plans of organization and reorganization of Hamilton Heights School Corporation shall remain effective after the Effective Date.

This proposed plan change shall become effective as of the adoption of this plan and its approval and fulfillment of the terms and requirements of I.C. 20-23-8-10, 20-23-8-14, and I.C. 20-23-8-15 ("Effective Date").

E. Incorporation of Relevant Law The intent of this Plan is to comply with all relevant provisions of Indiana law, and therefore, all relevant provisions of Indiana law not otherwise explicitly addressed are incorporated herein

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of this Board will cause notice of this Board's adoption of the foregoing plan to be published, as required by the provision of I.C. 20-23-8-14, in newspapers of general circulation published in Hamilton

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent, school corporation legal counsel, and the officers of this Board shall take all other actions and execute all other documents as are reasonably convenient or otherwise necessary to affect the change (End of Resolution)

Pursuant to I.C. 20-23-8-14(b), any voter residing within the boundaries of Hamilton Heights School Corporation has the right to file a petition with the clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court for alternative plans or a petition protesting the adoption of the Plan set forth above. More information concerning how a voter may file such a petition and about plan changes in general may be found at I.C. 20-23-8.

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# **Indy Airport Ahead Of Other Airports In Passenger Traffic Recovery**

lion passengers traveled through the Indianapolis **International Airport** (IND) in 2021, an increase in overall passenger traffic by 75 percent compared to

"It's a promising development and we're outpacing our peer airports in Columbus, Milwaukee, and Pittsburgh in passenger traffic recovery," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

The fourth quarter of 2021 saw the most passenger traffic, with that increase attributed to fall break travel in October and holiday travel in November and December. Most of the increase in passenger traffic was due to pent-up demand from

leisure travelers. "The pandemic has transformed the make-up of air travel," said Rodriguez. "Pre-pandemic, 45 percent of air travel was business and 55 percent was leisure. In 2021, that breakdown was 18 percent business and 82 percent leisure."

More than 22 new nonstop flights launched out of the Indy airport in 2021 to 10 new destinations, along with two new airlines - Sun Country and Contour – joining the roster of airlines that fly out of Indianapolis. Of those total new flights, nine were destined for Florida cities.

In addition, nonstop flights to Cancun, Ft. Myers, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, and San Francisco resumed in 2021 after halts in early 2020 due to the pandemic.

Along with passenger increases in 2021, air cargo totals also increased significantly last year.

"Both cargo and landed weight in 2021 were the highest we've seen in the airport's history," said Marsha Stone, IAA senior director of commercial enterprise. The Indy airport re-

corded 1.3 million tons of total cargo in 2021 and 5.7 million tons of landed weight.

"Driven by consumer demand for shipped goods, FedEx processed

the highest volume of cargo in their history at IND in 2021," said Stone, also noting that FedEx continues to expand its operations as part of a multi-year \$1.5 billion investment in facilities and infrastructure at the Indy

The Indy airport started out 2022 with the excitement of the College Football Playoff Championship which drew more than 100,000 fans to the city, and spurred Delta Air Lines to offer onetime flights to and from southern cities such as Birmingham, Huntsville and Savannah.

And there's more big opportunities on the horizon, with Visit Indy and Indiana Sports Corp having booked 2022 and beyond already with prominent events.

"Indy 500 is back home again, with fans in the stands this year, to name one" said Stone. "We also have the NBA All-Star Game in 2024, which is rescheduled from 2021. Indy is an award-winning city when it comes to

# Indianapolis Airport Remarks On Spirit **Resuming Myrtle Beach Nonstop Flight**

The Indianapolis Airport Authority put out the following statement today about the Spirit Airlines announcement linked below.

"We're seeing a trend of good news, and this announcement adds to that list," said IAA Executive Director Mario Rodriguez. "Spirit last flew to Myrtle Beach out of IND in 2019, and resuming this nonstop route in May is just in time for the summer vacation season. We anticipate we'll see

more good news announcements in the weeks and months ahead as we continue to recover from the pandemic."

Spirit Airlines today announced it will be connecting even more vacationers to the 60 miles of beaches known as the Grand Strand. The airline will launch nine nonstop routes to Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) this spring, introducing five new destinations, and resuming service from four other

cities.

"Lots of people are looking to head out to great leisure destinations like the South Carolina beaches this summer, and we're excited to launch some new routes and resume others to help our Guests get their fun in the sun," said John Kirby, Vice President of Network Planning at Spirit Airlines. "These new routes, in addition to our existing schedule, makes Spirit the leading carrier to Myrtle Beach.

drawing top events. And big events feed tourism, which attracts both business and leisure travel, and that's good for our airline partners as well as our community."

Indy was named the Best Places to Go 2021, World's Greatest Places of 2021 and Best Places to Travel in 2021 by Condé Nast Traveler,

Time magazine and Travel + Leisure, respectively. Only New York City has been named to all three lists in the same year.

"What we've seen in 2021 is what we anticipated we'd see - a start to the recovery," said Rodriguez. "We said in 2020 that it would take about three years to fully rebound from this crisis.

We anticipate that 2024 is the year we'll see pre-pandemic passenger numbers, like we did in 2019, but the make-up of air travel will be different with leisure leading the air-travel trend and business being considerably less. That's a transformational difference that will define the air travel industry going forward."

# CDC Recognizes Partnership With U.S. Cooperative Extension System



# CONTROL AND PREVENTION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and the center's deputy director for science have expressed gratitude to the nation's Cooperative Extension System, including Purdue University Cooperative Extension, for addressing vaccine

hesitancy by educating and raising awareness about the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID-19 in rural America.

"Rural America continues to be especially hard hit by the pandemic, and the lives of families and communities continue to feel the impacts," said Dr. Carrie Castille, director

of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). "Because our communities are faced with making important decisions about vaccinations, having a trusted, independent community agent to aid in decision making is essential. Cooperative Extension agents and educators are well placed to have that discussion and provide objective educational information. Talk with your Extension agent, and then decide.'

Through an interagency agreement with the CDC and NIFA, Cooperative Extension units at landgrant universities across the nation received funding and launched the Cooperative **Extension Immunization** Teaching and Engagement (EXCITE) in June 2021 to address health disparities

among rural and other underserved communities.

Samuel F. Posner, acting director of the CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said in a letter to the U.S. Cooperative Extension System, "Agents and educators are trusted messengers working in every county across the nation and are uniquely situated at local levels to engage with their communities and build partnerships to improve community health.

"As my team listens to our partners in the field, we hear story upon story of the need for one-onone, honest discussions with trusted messengers to address concerns about COVID-19 vaccines.'

Purdue Extension is currently addressing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in five Indiana counties

with high Latinx populations: Cass, Clinton, Daviess, Elkhart and Wayne counties. The efforts aim to dispel misinformation and increase confidence by sharing science-based information in Spanish. Purdue Extension launched a Pandora advertising campaign on Spanish-language stations in the targeted counties. The ad links to a web page available in Spanish with information and resources about the COVID-19 vaccine and links to additional information provided by the Indiana state government and the CDC.

The Cooperative Extension System is operated through the nation's land-grant university system in partnership with the federal, state and local governments. As the federal partner, NIFA develops methods to address national priorities, funds and awards grants, and provides program leadership. The agency supports both the universities and local Extension offices to bring science directly to the regional and county level. NIFA invests in and

advances agricultural research, education, and Extension across the nation to make transformative discoveries that solve societal challenges. NIFA supports initiatives that ensure the long-term viability of agriculture and applies an integrated approach to ensure that groundbreaking discoveries in agriculture-related sciences and technologies reach the people who can put them into practice. In FY2020, NIFA's total investment was \$1.95 billion.

# A.G. Rokita Recoups \$3.3 Million For The **Department Of Workforce Development**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita today thanked one of his own, Deputy Attorney General John Millikan, for his work recouping more than \$3.3 million in funds taken fraudulently from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Millikan has targeted funds deposited into bank accounts by scammers who collected unemployment benefits using other people's identities through information gathered from the dark web. Such criminal activity soared during the COVID-19 pandemic as DWD faced pressure to push payments out quickly to newly jobless individuals.

tion has recovered more than \$242 million for Hoosiers since January

"This office is full of staff serving with servants' hearts on behalf of Hoosiers to protect their liberty and property," Attorney General Rokita said. "Typically, the fruits of their labors, though important, go unheralded because they occur outside the limelight. But I am always honored to gratefully recognize, on behalf of all Hoosiers, these diligent public servants.'

Investigators found that fraudsters often funneled their ill-gotten gains to either the same bank account or several set up around the country within bank, Green Dot Bank, held approximately \$3.15 million dollars in fraudulently obtained unemployment benefits.

DWD staff provided important guidance throughout the efforts to claw back the money, Millikan said.

"With the help and dedication of the Department of Workforce Development, we were able to identify and recover large-scale unemployment benefits-related fraud," Millikan explained. "I am grateful for the goodfaith negotiations from Green Dot Bank and other financial institutions that brought about this great result for Hoosier taxpayers. The Rokita admin-

investigate and assist in clawing back unemployment funds paid out due to fraud."

If you learn that your identity has been fraudulently used in a claim for unemployment benefits, you should report it to the Office of the Attorney General via this online form for reporting identity theft.

Additionally, you should report it to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development via that agency's website.

Finally, you should also file a report with local law enforcement and the Indiana State Police, which offers an online form that can be filled out and emailed to uifraud@ isp.IN.gov.

### **Local Students Named On DePauw's Fall Dean's List**

The Dean's List recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The following former Hamilton County students were honored with a place on the Fall 2021 Dean's List for their academic achievements:

• Benjamin Batchelder from Carmel, Ind.

• Robert Grider from Carmel, Ind.

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uate school within six months of graduation. DePauw is ranked 5th for study abroad, and 80% of students receive academic credit for off-campus study, including internships, independent projects and service work. The university is ranked in the top 20 for both graduate salaries and internship opportunities among private institutions, 8th for Fulbright Scholars, 8th for producing top business executives, 8th for graduate salaries, and 2nd for Teach For America employees. Our graduates have a 90% acceptance rate for medical school and an 80% acceptance rate for law school, both well above the national

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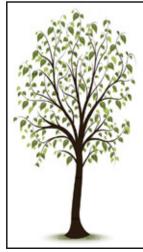
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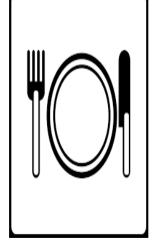
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# **RESTAURANTS**





He, in fact, often laughs at himself, and one of the reasons I'm featuring him in my newspaper column today is because I find the 20-year-old to be refreshingly candid and entertaining. (Also, by the way, he is playing in Main Street Productions' current drama, "Of Mice and Men, through Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse. But I'll share more on his role a little later.)

Something few people know about Browning? He cries in movies for nostalgic stuff. "Seeing Han, Luke, and Leia in the newest Star Wars trilogy? Tears! The original Ghostbusters returning in Afterlife? Bawled like a baby," the Noblesville resident said.

But he's not crying as much as he is smiling.

"Nothing makes me smile more than just getting to stand around and talk to people. I love hearing other people's stories and sharing my own. Any time you can make somebody laugh is time well spent in my book," Browning said.

When he isn't studying or on a live stage, he said, "Every Monday and Friday, however, I do have my own Classic Rock radio show from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. on WCRD 91.3 in Muncie.

He said, "I just play a bunch of late '70s through early '90s rock, hair, metal songs. I'm having a real blast doing it.'

It seems a little early in the morning to be jamming to hair bands. But Browning doesn't think so. It's all that he listens to anyway.

"I know the most absurd members of the random one-hit wonders or big bands, and it has always

just been a staple of who I am," he said. "So when given this opportunity to play that music that I love, and use that random knowledge in an appropriate setting, I knew I just had to take it."

He plays everything from Bon Jovi, AC/DC, Alice Cooper, Van Halen -- Van Hagar mostly) and Mötley Crüe to KISS. "You name it, I play it," Browning said. "The only hard thing is finding out how to be quieter for the microphone. I blame projecting for theater, but I'm just way too loud for how close I'm supposed to be to our microphone equipment."

Browning's show is on WCRD, a non-commercial FM radio station operated by students of BSU out of the David Letterman Communication and Media Building on the BSU campus. (Letterman, an Indianapolis native who grew up in Broad Ripple, is a 1969 BSU graduate best known for his self-mockery, and his cynical sense of humor on the "Late Night With David Letterman Show" that ran for 22 seasons.)

So what better place to hone your comedy skills and be on the radio?

Yes, Browning thrives as a radio-show host playing his favorite music and talking about the bands, his favorites being Van Halen, Sammy Hagar, Mötley Crüe, Aerosmith, Def Leppard, Damn Yankees, Poison, Skid Row, Kiss and Bon Jovi.

"I talk about some random fun facts about the band or tracks themselves, such as band members and what other groups they happen to be in or have played in, any fun stories from writing or recording



Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022

Photo courtesy of Basile Westfield Playhouse

Noblesville's Logan Browning, a 2020 Noblesville High School graduate, portrays Carlson in "Of Mice and Men," through this Sunday at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

the song, any notorious stories about the band themselves," Browning said. "And, of course, that's on top of the standard album-release years, album names, and more. "I also talk about upcoming concerts and at which venue they'll be at and usual set-lists they play, drop in some 'hot takes,' such as Sammy Hagar being the better Van Halen singer than Diamond David Lee Roth, Eric Carr being the best drummer for KISS."

Being that he loves all of these bands, I had to ask if there is a favorite celebrity that he's met. And Browning did not even have to think twice. "The coolest celebrity I've met was John Corabi, the

second lead singer of the band Mötley Crüe, and got him to sign my CD. It's been months, and I'm still starstruck," Browning said.

"I feel that same way talking with a few of my cast mates though," said Browning, who is currently in the local theater production, "Of Mice and Men," a drama at Basile Westfield Playhouse, directed by James H. Williams of Fishers. "I've truthfully never met a greater group of talented people. I mean Audrey Duprey (Curley's Wife) kills it absolutely every night. Jake Hobbs (Curely) is so involved with his character that I'm blown away. Joe Wagner

of Fishers (Lenny) and

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his transformation into his character still just shocks me. Everybody is so amazing. It really makes me want to step up my game."

Browning loves doing live theater but this show is out of his usual "comedy" comfort zone.

"My character, Carlson, isn't really the nicest guy in the world. He's self-obsessed, very conceited, and has a weird vendetta against an old dog belonging to another character." He said, "I've enjoyed being in this show a whole lot due to the fact that this role is so different in comparison to what I'm used to. I used to play the comic relief in shows, but this time I was a very 'not funny' jerk. It was a fun challenge for somebody who can't help but spit out one-liners like a b-list Bill Murray."

Browning -- who has a following, including Basile Westfield Playhouse board member and actor Tom Smith (who follows several of the local young thespians) -- stepped onto his first community theater stage (with Smith as Simon Stimson) in The Belfry Theatre's "Our Town," directed by Nancy Lafferty, in September 2018, in the role of Joe Crowell Jr.

At NHS Theatre, some of Browning's favorite roles were Giles Corey

in "The Crucible" and Cogsworth in "Beauty and the Beast." (I was in the audience of the latter production, a wonderful show on stage in November 2019.)

"I am excited for my next role however as Captain John Whitaker in the show 'Fly Babies' down at Buck Creek Players in April," he said.

What about a bucket list? "The only role on my bucket list is surprisingly one that doesn't exist yet, and it may not even be a stage role," Browning said. "I've always wanted to play Michael Lee Aday, aka the musician/actor Meat Loaf, in a biopic or biographical show,' Browning said. "I've always been a huge fan of his and thought there was a bit of a physical resemblance. I was devastated to hear about his passing (on Jan. 20, 2022). So, if anybody is planning a movie called 'Bat out of Hell' like 'Bohemian Rhapsody' did for Freddie Mercury, I'm your guy."

Browning said, "I've always enjoyed performing and making people laugh in any way that I can. Whether it be in the classroom, at the workplace, or on stage."

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additional bridge crossing over the White River.

"As the 10th largest city in Indiana, this project is crucial to mobility in Noblesville and across Hamilton County, especially considering the growth we have experienced and expect going forward," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The roadway design will provide Noblesville residents, local businesses, and visitors with many improvements that will enhance mobility and public safety while also honoring the urban character and historic features of the project area."

Phase I is the largest portion of the three phases and includes work from River Road to 10th Street. The city will solicit bids and select a construction firm later this year, with construction beginning in early 2023. Phases II and III are expected to go to bid in 2023.

• Midland Trace Trail - \$1.5M

The 12-foot wide extension of the Midland Trace Trail will be constructed as a part of the Pleasant Street project. The trail project will be constructed in three phases like the roadway. The trail corridor will ultimately

connect from SR32 to SR37. The Midland Trace trail provides regional multi-use path connectivity. It will be extended 2+ miles from SR32/Hague Road to SR37, connecting Westfield and Noblesville. Phase I of the project will connect to the existing Riverwalk, which connects to downtown Noblesville and the Plum Prairie Historic District. It will also connect to the future Nickel Plate Trail and Fishers.

• 141st Street and Promise Road Roundabout (2024) - \$1.86M

Noblesville will transform the current 4-way

stop at 141st Street and Promise Road into a roundabout at the border between the city and Fishers. This improvement will lower gas emissions, better serve motorists and will aid in safely maneuvering the intersection, especially for students on bus routes. The addition of this roundabout along with a future roundabout at 141st Street and Howe Road will significantly improve traffic progression along the nearly three mile stretch of 141st Street east of SR37.

• Trail Projects Get Increase of \$1,859,364 The two previously

awarded projects that received additional IMPO funding include the Little Chicago Road Trail and the Stony Creek Trail. The Little Chicago Road trail will provide a 10foot, multi-use path on the east side of Little Unicago Road from Elderberry Road to Carrigan Road, including widening the existing bridge to accommodate the trail. The Stony Creek Trail will provide a connection under SR37 along Stony Creek from Clover Road to Mercantile Boulevard. The 10-foot wide trail will connect existing trails and

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er to pedestrians. Each of these projects is expected to be constructed in 2023.

The Indianapolis MPO is responsible for planning and programming federal transportation funds in an eight-county Central Indiana region, and this funding allocation is an annual IMPO process. The recipients were selected from a highly competitive pool, and each funded project requires a local match and is judged based on relative technical criteria including impacts to air quality, improvements to congestion, pavement quality and safety.

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she made an idiotic comment about the Holocaust?"

"I did, John," I answered. "That was Whoopi Goldberg. In fact, I think she just came back and-"

"She never should have been suspended, Timmons.'

Whoa. I didn't see that one coming. I'm sure Goldberg and Hammer are about as far apart politically as anyone could be. Hammer defending her? What's the world coming to?

"Does anyone understand free speech," he asked. "Is everything in this country about canceling other people these days?

Not sure what I was more surprised about -Hammer standing up for a woman he can't tolerate politically or the fact that he knows what cancel culture

"Look, what she said was racist and pig-headed," he continued. "She's as two-faced as anyone can be . . . but so what? That's the problem in this

country. Not only can no one disagree anymore, but some folks just go out of their way to make sure you believe what they believe. And heaven help you if you don't. That Goldberg woman is like that, so if it wasn't so damn scary it'd be kind of funny it got turned around on her. But it's not. It's just scary and wrong."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"I mean free speech, Timmons. Aren't you listening? The founders of this country thought that freedom of speech was so important they made it part of the very first amendment they wrote. And do you know what free speech is, Timmons?"

I wasn't sure if that was rhetorical, so I decided the wise move was listening.

"It's easy to let people say whatever they want when you agree with them. But free speech means letting the folks you disagree with have their say.

We've somehow forgot that these days. There's so much hate and rage out there. Too many folks are choosing sides. Their side is right and everyone else is wrong. And they run their mouths and close their ears – and that's a recipe

for disaster." The man called the Hammer paused. "Timmons, we're turning into lefts and rights and there's not much middle ground any more. We need to talk, but more than that, we need to listen with an open mind and an open heart. The answers aren't that hard. But ain't nobody going to find them if they never listen."

With that he turned and left. I hope he knew he got me to listen.

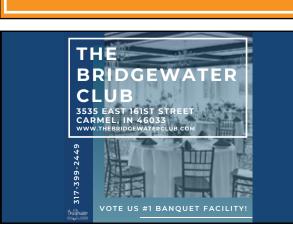
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# Did You Know?

- Fountain County was founded in 1826 and named after James Fontaine.
- Covington, the county seat, was officially established in 1827.
- The county is 397.88 square miles and has a population of 17,240 residents.
- The largest city in the county, Attica, is home to 3,245 residents and is 1.61 square miles.
- The county contains 2.2 square miles of water because of its proximity to the Wabash River.

# **Got Words?**

After rebuilding the county's courthouse for the third time, in 1861 it completely burned down after only one circuit court meeting. In your opinion, what is the purpose of having a courthouse and do you think it is necessary in every town?

# Stumpers

1. How many people in the county do not live in Attica?

2. How old is Fountain County?

3. What is the population density of the county?

4. How long ago was Covington officially established?

Answers: 1. About 13,995 people 2. 193 Years

# Word

# Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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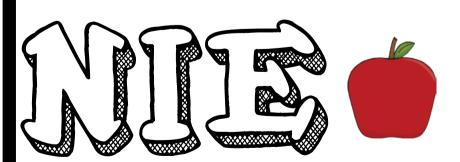
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# **BBB Warning: Watch out for romance scams this Valentine's Day**

Online dating and social media have made it easier than ever to meet new people and find dates. Unfortunately, it has made scammers' work simpler, too. Con artists create compelling backstories, and full-fledged identities, then trick you into falling for someone who doesn't even exist. This form of deception is known as "catfishing." Sometimes a catfisher is simply a lonely person hiding behind a fake persona. But often it is the first step in a phishing scheme to steal personal information or a romance scam to trick you out of money. In some cases, victims have been tricked into moving illegal money from other scams ("money mule"), which is potentially a crime.

Behind many dating profiles lurk scammers who are ready to dupe users into believing they have found love. According to the 2020 Risk Re-

port, those who fell victim to Romance Scams were adults age 55 – 64 years old, the majority of those scammed being women.

Read more in "Online Romance Scams: A BBB Study on How Scammers Use Impersonation, Blackmail, and Trickery to Steal From Unsuspecting Daters."

How the Scam Works: Most romance scams start with fake profiles on online dating sites created by stealing photos and text from real accounts or elsewhere. Scammers often claim to be in the military or working overseas to explain why they can't meet you in person. Over a short period of time, the scammer builds a fake relationship with you, exchanging photos and romantic messages, even talking on the phone or through a webcam.

Just when the relationship seems to be getting serious, your new sweetheart has a health issue or family emergency, or wants to plan a visit. No matter the story, the request is the same: they need money. But after you send money, there's another request, and then another. Or the scammer stops communicating altogether.

Tips to Spot This Scam:

• Too hot to be
true. Scammers offer up
good-looking photos and
tales of financial success.
Be honest with yourself
about who would be gen-

uinely interested. If they

seem "too perfect," your

alarm bells should ring.

• In a hurry to get off the site. Catfishers will try very quickly to get you to move to communicating through email, messenger,

or phone.

• Moving fast. A catfisher will begin speaking
of a future together and
tell you they love you
quickly. They often say
they've never felt this way

before

- Talk about trust. Catfishers will start manipulating you with talk about trust and how important it is. This will often be a first step to asking you for money.
- Don't want to meet. Be wary of someone who always has an excuse to postpone meeting because they say they are traveling or live overseas or are in the military.
- Suspect language. If the person you are communicating with claims to be from your home town but has poor spelling or grammar, uses overly flowery language, or uses phrases that don't make sense, that's a red flag.
- Hard luck stories. Before moving on to asking you for money, the scammer may hint at financial troubles like heat being cut off or a stolen car or a sick relative, or they may share a sad story

from their past (death of parents or spouse, etc.).

Protect Yourself From

Protect Yourself From this Scam:
• Never send money or personal information that

can be used for identity theft to someone you've never met in person.

Never give someone your credit card information to book a ticket to visit you. Cut off contact if someone starts asking you for information like credit card, bank, or government ID numbers.

• Ask specific questions about details given in a profile. A scammer may stumble over remembering details or making a story fit.

• Do your research.

Many scammers steal
photos from the web to
use in their profiles. You
can do a reverse image
lookup using a website
like tineye.com or images.google.com to see if
the photos on a profile are
stolen from somewhere

else. You can also search online for a profile name, email, or phone number to see what adds up and what doesn't.

what doesn't.

To report a scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker.

To learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams".

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# Hoosiers With Disabilities Can Save More And Experience Lower Fees

Because of recent changes to existing law, Hoosiers with disabilities are now able to save even more under the state's INvestABLE Indiana program.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the annual contribution limit for ABLE accounts increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000. This increase of over 6% will allow savers to deposit even more into their accounts and experience

lower fees. The contribution limit is tied to the annual gift tax exclusion limit, which saw an increase this year.

ABLE plans have been making headlines across the country, too. The National ABLE Alliance, of which Indiana is a proud member, recently crossed a significant threshold, exceeding \$250 million in program assets. That automatically reduced the Program Management

Fee from 30 basis points (0.30%) to 28 basis points (0.28%), bringing further savings to the program and Hoosiers.

"I'm thrilled to announce that INvestABLE Indiana account owners can now not only contribute more annually toward their savings goals but also experience lower fees," said Amy Corbin, Executive Director of the ABLE Authority. "The lowering of fees comes

as a direct result of more individuals enrolling in ABLE and saving for their or their loved one's future. As INvestABLE Indiana continues to grow, it is heartening to see more individuals with disabilities achieving increased financial independence and economic empowerment."

INvestABLE Indiana offers seven investment options, including a checking account option with a debit card. Up

to \$16,000 per year can be saved in an account, with a maximum account balance of \$450,000. For individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they can save up to \$100,000 in their INvestABLE Indiana account and not risk losing their monthly SSI benefit. Money can be withdrawn and spent on qualified expenses or INvestABLE Indiana account holders can choose to grow their

finances and create longterm savings with tax-free earnings. Contributions and earnings in INvest-ABLE Indiana accounts are not subject to federal or state income tax if spent on qualified expenses. Contributions are made with post-tax dollars.

More information about INvestABLE Indiana, including how to open an account, can be found at https://in.savewithable.com.

# Registration Open For Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives

Untreated or ignored stress and mental health issues in rural areas impact quality of life, economic development and lives of farmers, the agriculture workforce and rural families. To raise awareness and help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health in the agriculture industry the Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives program was created by the Indiana Rural Health Association. Twenty-three free, oneday insightful workshops with subject matter experts will be conducted in 2022. The workshops will begin Feb. 10, 2022, in Mount Vernon, Ind. The series of workshops will continue in 22 other rural sites around Indiana through July.

'Our rural communities are the backbone of our Indiana economy, and we can make them even stronger by supporting mental health and reducing stressors at home and in our communities," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture. "These workshops will give our farmers the resources to help their neighbors and their family members who may be struggling."

The workshops aim to discuss the mental landscape in Indiana, highlight local resources, discuss telehealth options and contain information about the Purdue Farm

Stress Program. The Indiana Rural Health Association will also present a training for the Question, Persuade and Refer (OPR) program.

"We all know that farming is one of the most dangerous professions, and it is sadly also one of the most mentally taxing ones as well," said Bruce Kettler, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. "Our department was honored to be awarded this grant from USDA and we believe using these funds in partnership with the Indiana Rural Health Association and Purdue Extension will greatly impact thousands of Hoosiers, and work to decrease the stigmas around mental health in

agriculture."
The free workshops through the Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives program are open to the farming community, including agribusinesses and related service industries, the faith community, local leaders and families.

"The suicide rates among farmers are six times higher than the national average," said Kathy Walker, Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) program director for Healthy Minds – Healthy Lives. "Financial stress is always present, pressure to never lose the family farm is great, the

work is physically and mentally stressful with long hours, social isolation and lack of confiding relationships."

Each one-day workshop is limited to 35 people, so individuals interested in participating are encouraged to register early.

Stigma and other issues that discourage people from seeking help can result in higher suicide attempts and other mental health issues. These issues often are higher – even double – than in urban areas. Depression, suicide and other mental health struggles often rise during the seasonal times of planting and harvesting when stress levels are also higher.

These workshops are part of a partnership with the Indiana Rural Health Association, Purdue Extension and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). ISDA received a \$500,000 grant from the National Institute for Food and Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network in October of 2021.

The list of current workshops is below. To register for a workshop please click here or visit indianaruralhealth.org. Registration opens 30 days prior to each event.

Date; County; Town February 10; Posey; Mt. Vernon February 23; Owen; Spencer February 24; Boone;

Lebanon March 9; Hancock; Greenfield March 10; Tipton;

March 16; Kosciusko; Leesburg

March 17; Fulton; Rochester

April 6; LaPorte;

LaPorte April 8; Jasper; Rens-

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July 21; DeKalb; Auburn

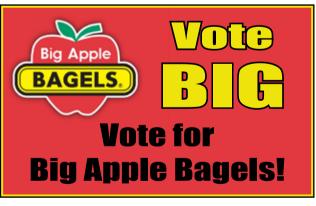
For additional information about the Healthy Minds – Healthy Lives QPR workshops, please contact Kathy Walker by email: kwalker@indianar-ha.org

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## **IDEM Seeks Nominations For The 2022 Governor's Awards For Environmental Excellence**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. These awards recognize individuals and organizations which have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making process-

The Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence are Indiana's highest environmental recognition and are open to all Indiana businesses, government agencies, individuals, and other groups that implement exemplary environmental projects or initiatives with measurable results. By seeking out and utilizing

innovative environmental practices, organizations and businesses around the state have reduced waste, saved money, and contributed greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts.

"These are Indiana's most prestigious environmental recognition awards," said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuess. "Each year, the governor and I look forward to seeing the innovative projects employed by Hoosiers and organizations across the state.'

IDEM and Governor Eric J. Holcomb's office will present seven awards, one in each of the following categories:

- Energy Efficiency/
- Renewable Resources • Environmental Educa-

tion/Outreach

- Five Year Continuous Improvement
- Greening the Govern-
- Land Use/Conservation
  - Pollution Prevention • Recycling/Reuse

The public is invited to submit nominations, and organizations may self-nominate. An instructional webinar, eligibility requirements and details about the nomination process are available at www. in.gov/idem/partnerships/ governors-awards-for-en-

vironmental-excellence/. Nominations must be received by IDEM no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Pollution Prevention Conference on

September 21, 2022, at the Marriott Indianapolis North. IDEM also will issue a statewide press release announcing the seven winners and summarizing their projects.

For questions about the nomination process, or assistance in compiling your nomination, please contact 1-800-988-7901 or GovAwards@idem. IN.gov.

**About IDEM** 

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environ-

# Soy Growers Want Off EPA's **Deadline Merry-Go-Round**

EPA has finalized a rule that pushes the deadline for oil refiners to comply with 2020 and 2021 blending requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), which the agency previously extended in

April.

The agency last delayed compliance deadline reporting for small refineries to Jan. 1, 2022, saying the delay was a result of not having released RVOs for 2020, 2021, and 2022. Now, the EPA final rule released Jan. 28 states small refineries have until the next quarterly reporting deadline after the 2021 quotas are established to fulfill them.

Brad Doyle, soy farmer from Weiner, Arkansas, and ASA President said, "EPA's merry-go-round of deadline changes just keeps spinning. Rather than stopping according to its own timeline to make these decisions, EPA keeps the biofuels industry and in turn farmers on an unwitting ride that simply does not end. Delaying these compliance deadlines facilitates a cycle of uncertainty that undermines the integrity of the Renewable Fuel Standard and stifles growth in the biomass-based diesel industry."

Overall, for all refineries and importers of fuel, the new compliance deadlines

for 2022 targets will be the RFS quarterly reporting deadline after the 2023 standards effective date or the 2021 compliance reporting deadline-whichever date is later.

The RFS has reduced U.S. dependence on foreign oil, lowered fuel prices at the pump, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and added value by increasing demand for the soybeans and corn our farmers produce. Biodiesel and renewable diesel provide a valuable market for more than 9 billion pounds of soybean oil, adding more than \$1.10 in value to every bushel of soybeans grown in the U.S.

EPA is currently undergoing a rulemaking process to update Renewable Volume Obligations for 2020, 2021, and 2022. The proposed rule would increase the 2022 RVO for biomass-based diesel-a move that ASA strongly supports.

The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean-producing states and more than 500,000 soybean farmers. More information at soygrowers.

### State's Largest Safety And Health Conference Returning

Safety tactics, substance abuse, leadership and cybersecurity will be among the hot topics at the state's largest safety and health event. The 2022 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo, which takes place February 28 - March 2, will feature more than 70 educational sessions to keep Hoosier workers safe on the job.

The three-day event is presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, in partnership with INSafe Indiana and the Coalition for Construction Safety. Gibson is the lead conference sponsor.

"We're always thrilled to host this largescale event and it will be fun to meet new attendees and see those friendly faces who attend annually," relays Kerri Begley, vice president of business education and events for the Indiana Chamber. "We have an esteemed group of speakers tackling many topics and conferencegoers will leave with much more knowledge in their arsenals."

The conference's two keynote speakers are Manley Feinberg II of Vertical Lessons, Inc. and retired FBI Special Agent John Iannarelli, also known as "FBI John," who will speak on cybersecurity.

Through Feinberg's address, "Reaching Your Next Summit," attendees will gain tools they can use immediately to develop a leadersnip mindset that equips them and team members to step up and lead, regardless of their

New this year is the Forklift Rodeo, hosted by ASSP Central Indiana Chapter and the Indiana Chamber, along with ProLift Toyota Material Handling. Forklift

operators will showcase their driving abilities in an obstacle course March 1 and complete challenges as quickly and efficiently as possible. (All forklift rodeo participants must be certified to operate a lift.) Forklift operators will be scored individually and a grand prize of \$250 will be awarded along with a trophy and bragging rights as the 2022 Indiana Forklift Rodeo Champion.

On day three of the conference, the 2022 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards (GWSA) will be presented during the lunch hour.

Visit www.insafetyconf. com or call (317) 264-6885 to register to attend or for more information. Registration options and costs can be viewed at www.insafetyconf.com/ registration.

A virtual option is available for those who cannot attend in person. The educational sessions, both general sessions and GWSA luncheon recordings, will be available to view from March 8 until June 1. Of note: Virtual attendees will not have access to sessions during the live conference Feb. 28 - March 1. Some educational sessions will not be provided on-demand at the request of the speaker.

Additional 2022 Indiana Safety & Health Conference sponsors include: platinum sponsors Indiana Safety & Supply and ClearPath Mutual; gold sponsors Board of Certified Safety Professionals and Martin Supply; and silver sponsors: Advanced Rescue Solutions, Healthy Roster, Honeywell PPE, Intelex, iReportSource Safety Management Software, KHA Online-SDS™, KPA, OraSure Technologies, Peak Performance, Safety Management Group, Sentinel Safety Group and Work Comp

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#### **Holcomb Signs Executive Orders Granting Medical Clemency**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced he signed executive orders granting medical clemency for the first time while in office.

"Today I granted medical clemency to three offenders who are bed ridden and diagnosed with terminal health conditions. The three men will be released to the supervision of the Parole Board and will serve the remainder of their lives at a skilled nursing home under the state's care. In all three cases the offenders require 24-hour a day care as they are unable to care for themselves.

I granted the medical clemencies after a great deal of research and consideration. These men are no longer a threat to society, and it's been deter-

mined they are better cared for at a skilled nursing home. The Indiana Parole Board unanimously recommended a medical clemency for all three men," said Gov. Holcomb.

The executive orders include information regarding the offenders.

Executive Order 22-03 regarding Charles Calhoun. https://www.in.gov/ gov/files/Executive-Order-22-03-Calhoun-Clemency.pdf

Executive Order 22-04 regarding Alphonzo Griffin. https://www.in.gov/ gov/files/Executive-Order-22-04-Griffin-Clemency.pdf

Executive Order 22-05 regarding Jerome Maclin. https://www.in.gov/ gov/files/Executive-Order-22-05-Maclin-Clemency.pdf

# **Hoosiers Would Want The Indy 500 On Their State** Flag (If It Were To Be Rebranded), Reveals Poll

From all kinds of flora and fauna, stars, a peace pipe, and even a Union Jack, each state in America has its own symbol to represent their history and contribution to the nation. Indeed, 'Old Glory' represents the country's collective history and present - the 50 stars represent the 50 states and there are 13 stripes representing the 13 original colonies.

Most of these flags were created hundreds of years ago – some were a result of contests, while others were drafted through as a legislative process. But are these designs a modern reflection of what each state is known for today, given the centuries that have passed? New York, for example, often prides itself in its flashing Broadway performances,

as well as hard-to-miss vellow taxis and of course. the Empire State Building, whereas the current state flag is not a representation of modern-day NY (it features a central coat of arms with a sun symbol, mountain, and ocean, supported by ladies Liberty and Justice on either side). Likewise, Maine nowadays is well known for its prized lobster trade; West Virginia for its country roads and Kansas is associated with The Wizard of Oz!

MOJOMOX.com, an online brand designing site, conducted a poll of 3,236 Americans across each state, asking them one question:

If your state flag was to be redesigned, how would you like it to look?

While some of the re-

sults of the poll were quite predictable (New Yorkers opted of the Statue of Liberty, and Pennsylvanians voted for their Liberty Bell), the research revealed some very interested results, including:

In the Hoosier State, more than half (51%) of people said they thought if the state flag was rebranded, it should include a reference to the Indy 500 - the annual automobile race which is held in aptly-named Speedway, Indiana. The event is usually held over Memorial Day weekend and is considered one part of the Triple Crown of Motorsport, along with the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Monaco Grand Prix.

Another almost 2 in 5 (29%) Hoosiers thought the flag should include a nod to Johnny Appleseed (or John Chapman), a pioneer who introduced apple trees to the land here, as well as other areas, like Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is buried on site at Johnny Appleseed Park, a public park in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

And nearly 1 in 10 (8%) thought the Indiana flag rebrand should have something to do with geocaching: a recreational outdoor sport that requires participants to use a GPS device and other navigational techniques to essentially play a game of nature-inspired hide-and-seek!

Lastly, 2% of Hoosiers thought the hypothetical state flag rebrand should include an element to do with gasoline, considering the gas pump was created in Fort Wayne.



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