⇒ 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.



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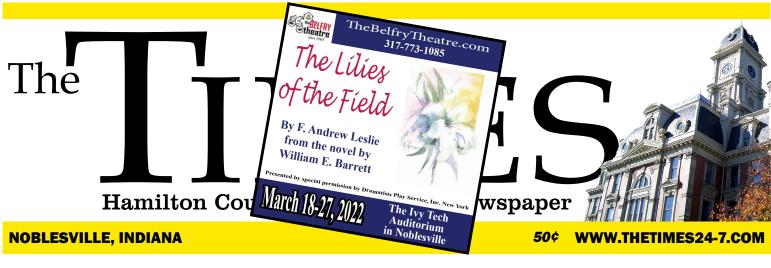
People who call our community their own.

What makes Dallas Mitchell smile? "My family," said the 7-year-old Noblesville resident, a first-grader at White River Elementary. He was found Wednesday attending Noblesville Schools' Young Artists exhibit open house at the Nickel Plate Arts campus in downtown Noblesville. He was with his mom, Victoria, and dad, Brandon, and stepmom, Megan. He has a brother, Austin, a third-grader. Favorite classes at school? "Gym and art." Favorite school lunch item? "Bosco sticks." He created his self-portrait for his school's art class. He chose basketball as the theme because he likes basketball and plays at White River Christian Church. He also likes to play soccer with United Soccer Club. His dad coaches him in both sports. Today will be his last day of basketball. Anything fun planned for spring break? He's going to Tennessee and will visit his grandparents' house in Kentucky. Favorite food? "Macaroni and cheese." Favorite toy? His "Squishmallow," which he carried with him. Favorite activity? "Crafting." Favorite movie? "Space Jam: A New Legacy." He has three dogs and 20 fish. Noblesville Public Schools' Young Artists exhibit featuring artwork from Noblesville Schools' seven elementaries is on display through March 26 at Nickel Plate Arts campus in downtown Noblesville. Read more about the exhibit in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing... What: Noblesville Public Schools'

Young Artists exhibit featuring artwork from Noblesville Schools' seven elementaries. When: Open noon to 5 p.m.

weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, through March 26. Where: Nickel Plate Arts, 107 S. Eighth St., Noblesville. **Info:** https://nickelplatearts.org/





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Ask Rusty - Please Help Us With Social Security Planning

Dear Rusty: Would you please advise on my wife and my Social Security planning? I'm 69 & 2 months, my wife is 66 & 2 months, so we both hit full retirement age. We both plan on starting to take SS next month. My benefit would be about \$3,300 per month, and my wife's benefit would be about \$1,900 per month. Spousal benefits confuse me. Should I start Social Security now so my wife can get a spousal benefit from me? Is that even possible? Or is it better for each of us to get our own?

Signed: Uncertain

Dear Uncertain: From what you've shared, it doesn't appear that your wife will be entitled to a spousal benefit because her own benefit at her full retirement age (FRA) is more than half of your FRA benefit amount. If your age 69 benefit is about \$3300 then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount was

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Social Security Matters

about \$2660). Half of your FRA amount (\$1330) is less than your wife's FRA amount (\$1900), so no spousal benefit will be available to your wife.

In your specific circumstance, both you and your wife should consider your individual objectives in deciding when to claim Social Security. If you plan to claim next month at age 69, you will get a benefit which has increased by about 26% due to the Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you've earned since you reached your FRA of 66. Claiming at her FRA, your wife will get the full SS retirement benefit

she has earned from a lifetime of working.

Although your current strategy is a good one, because you were born before 1954 and haven't yet filed you have another option. If your wife claims her SS first, you will be eligible to file a "Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only." You could use the restricted application to collect a spouse benefit from your wife (half of her FRA benefit amount) while allowing your personal benefit to grow for another 9 months to maxi-

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Senior Use Of Smart Phones, **Computers And Ipads Is On The Rise**

by John Grimaldi

It turns out that you can teach an old dog new tricks. Just look at how America's seniors have adopted cellphones, computers and laptops. Middle age children of today's seniors may soon start complaining that their moms and dads are spending too much time online and on their iPhones, says Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature Ameri-

can Citizens [AMAC] She notes that the 50-plus set has been adopting technology at a steady rate for years now, but the covid pandemic has speeded things up. A Pew Research study, she points out, shows that 73% of the 50 to 64 set and 45% of Americans 65 and older are familiar with and use social media sites.

Meanwhile, the Infocomm Media Development Authority [IMDA] tells us that a 2016 survey of seniors 75 years of age and older showed that just 11% of them were using smart phones and the same survey conducted in 2020 showed that senior smart phone usage

had skyrocketed to 60%. The same survey showed that only eight percent of 75-plus seniors were familiar with and used the Internet in 2016 and by 2020 46% of super seniors were regularly online.

A lot of research has been conducted regarding the "hows" and "whys" of technology adoption among the elderly, according the Journal of Geriatric Mental Health. They show that, "once their initial resistance of learning new technology was overcome-'enjoying the experience' of using the mobile phone motivated them to use the device. Other contributory factors were 'heightened self-esteem' when they could perform certain chores by themselves such as paying bills or buying groceries or navigating around, and 'feeling secure' (because of various safety measures available on the cellphone), as well as more realistic, goal-directed outcomes such as information retrieval and communication. In addition,

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The Daily Almanac

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High/Low **Temperatures** High: 25 °F Low: 15 °F

Wacky Holiday Today

- National Plant a Flower Day
 - Genealogy Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1938 Hitler invades Austria
- 1947 The Truman doctrine is proclaimed

Births On This Day

- 1922 Jack Kerouac American author, poet
- 1979 Pete Doherty English singer-songwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 2015 Terry Pratchett English author
- 1914 George Westinghouse

American engineer

Noblesville Elementary Students Share Artwork

White River Elementary first-grader Dallas Mitchell smiled as he pointed to his self-portrait on display at Nickel Plate Arts in downtown Nobles-

He's playing basketball in the self-portrait artwork that he created during school art class. His artwork is among more than 250 pieces of students' art on display through March in an exhibit showcasing Noblesville Schools elementary art at the Nickel Plate.

I stopped in at the exhibit's open house for school families and the community on Wednesday evening. About 600 people attended the reception, said Aili McGill, Nickel Plate's executive director.

All of Noblesville elementary schools -- Hazel Dell, Hinkle Creek, Noble Crossing, North, Promise Road, Stony Creek and White River -- participated, and the teachers included artwork from all grade levels.

The Noblesville elementary

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"Out of the quarrel with others we make rhetoric; out of the quarrel with ourselves we make poetry."

- William Butler Yeats

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! What's Irish and stays out all night? Paddy O'Furniture!





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○ OBITUARIES

Phillip J. Booth

Nov. 5, 1929 - March 10, 2022

Phillip J. Booth, 92, of Fishers, passed away on Thu., March 10, 2022 at his home.

He was born on Nov. 5, 1929 to Milo and Mary (Quear) Booth in Walnut Grove, Indiana.

Mr. Booth retired in 1992 from Allison Gas Turbine, after 43 years as a quality assurance supervisor. He was

a member of Fishers United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge #533 in Fishers, and the Scottish Rite. He enjoyed golfing and fishing. Mr. Booth loved spending time with family and watching his grandchildren play sports and ride motorcycles.

Survivors include his sons Michael (Minda) Booth, Ron (Linda Kruse) Booth, Jeff (Jackie) Booth and Thomas (Kelli) Booth; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty "Becky" Booth; and siblings Richard Booth, Jenny Booth and Denny Booth.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tue., March 15, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers. A Masonic Service is scheduled to be held at 11:30 a.m. with the funeral service scheduled to begin at 12 p.m., all at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th Street, Fishers, Ind., 46037.

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

Gwen D. Girtman

Dec. 19, 1948 - March 9, 2022

Gwen D. Girtman, 73, of Noblesville, passed away on Wed., March 9, 2022 at IU Health Saxony in Fishers.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1948 to Roy B. and Bessie (King) Girtman in Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. Girtman enjoyed flowers, nature, thunderstorms, and Astronomy. She appreciated the simple things, like

a great cup of coffee. Her family will always remember her as a selfless person who was helpful and always there when you needed her. She loved her family and her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children Theresa Powell, Adam (Melissa) Statzer, Brandon (Shannon Statzer - Wallace) Statzer, Ryan Statzer, Jonathon (Elizabeth) Statzer and Jeremiah (Salwa) Statzer; sisters Beverly Girtman and Carolyn Prairie; brothers, Dale Girtman and Chris (Cynthia) Girtman; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Kyle Thomas Powell.

Services are scheduled to be held at 1 p.m. on Mon., March 14, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville, with The Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation is scheduled to be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia.

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Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Names New Director



Emily Reynolds

Long-time Noblesville resident Emily Reynolds will serve as the new director of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, operator of the Nickel Plate Express which runs on 12.5 miles of track between Noblesville and Atlanta, Ind.

The NPHRR Board of Directors said they chose Reynolds because of her varied skill sets, passion for nonprofit management, experience, and knowledge of the community. Reynolds brings over a decade of experience as a trusted leader in the nonprofit industry. In her previous role as Director of Outreach for Servants at Work, she was instrumental in growing the volunteer program, implementing the strategic plan, engaging new audiences through social media, and expanding their fundraising efforts.

"I remember seeing a train coming through town as a child and the magic it held," said Reynolds. "This is an opportunity to support the preservation of history in Hamilton County while also bringing families together for a truly unique experience."

Reynolds assumes the role at a strategic point in the railroad's growth. This summer, it will move operations to a new welcome

station in Forest Park that the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks Department are developing. The 1950s historic train will depart from a covered platform boarding and provide significantly improved visitor amenities.

"We are excited about this next step in our development and think Emily is the perfect leader to help us grow again," said Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Board Treasurer Toni Dickover. "With our strong history, her background and knowledge, a passionate staff and volunteer pool, and our partners at the city and county, we are excited about what the coming years bring."

The Nickel Plate
Express is a program of
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nonprofit that operates the
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Noblesville Parks & Recreation's Russell Earns Arborist and TRAQ Certifications



John Russell

Noblesville Parks and Recreation is proud to announce that maintenance staff member Jonn Russell earned the professional recognition of Certified Arborist and has become Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) certified, both credentials are from the International Arborist Association (ISA). With the new accreditations, the parks department will benefit from Russell's knowledge and experience as a tree arborist and TRAQ certified while properly caring for trees, assessing tree risks, and identifying needs throughout city parks and along trails.

"I am very proud of

Jonn and his accomplishment in obtaining his arborist certifications," said Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett. "With his passion for trees and his determination to provide the best tree care, the certification was the next logical step for him. Professionally, I appreciate his drive to earn this distinction and become an even greater asset to the department as we strive to keep our parks and trails safe for the community while maintaining healthy and beautiful trees."

Certified Arborists, as defined by ISA, are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience and must be trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of arboriculture while adhering to a Code of Ethics that strengthens the credibility and reliability of the workforce. TRAQ certification includes assessing tree risk, promoting tree safety, and enhancing tree benefits, health and longevity. To earn his credentials. Russell completed training courses, passed comprehensive examinations, and accumulated over 10 years of experience in the arboriculture field.

"I am so happy to have achieved these certifications. Becoming part of a small group of individuals that are able to help in the overall health and well-being of the largest group of living organisms in the world, brings an amazing feeling of accomplishment," said Russell. "Reaching these personal goals and working in a parks system that has some of the best species in Hamilton County is a true achievement. I'm grateful to the leaders of the parks department for supporting my professional growth and allowing

Russell, a graduate of Ivy Tech State College, joined the City of Noblesville in 2003 and has been part of the Parks and Recreation Department since 2019.

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department manages over 876 acres of parkland in the City of Noblesville, including seven developed parks, 109 acres of undeveloped properties and 127 miles of trails, connector sidewalks and greenways throughout the community, in addition to two golf courses and the Noblesville Soccer Fields. For more information, visit www. noblesvilleparks.org.

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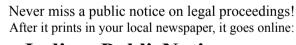
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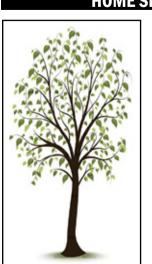
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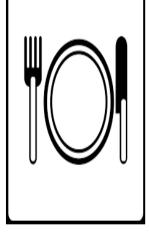
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Famous Blue Envelopes of Indy 500 Tickets Racing to Fans

Indianapolis 500 fans across the globe will soon see another milestone in the countdown to the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge as the highly anticipated blue envelopes featuring Race Day tickets are mailed Thursday, March 10 from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Ticket Office.

The initial ticket mailing of more than 150,000 tickets includes shipments to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 36 countries around the world as race fans eagerly await Indy 500 Race Day on Sunday, May 29.

Countries where tickets will be mailed include Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden, Mexico, Brazil, France, Colombia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Spain, Japan and Denmark – all home countries for drivers expected to compete for a starting spot in this year's Indy 500.

It takes approximately nine weeks to package all pre-ordered tickets for mailing, from orders the day after the previous year's race up to current orders. Hard work from employees in the Ticket Office and other IMS, IN-DYCAR and IMS Productions departments ensures the ticketing process runs smoothly and on schedule.

A few facts and figures about this year's initial ticket mailing:

- Number of tickets sent: More than 150,000 Race Day tickets and more than 180,000 products (includes Race Day tickets, parking, concert tickets, etc.)
- Number of blue envelopes sent: More than 25,000
- Number of U.S. Postal Service trays to accommodate envelopes: More than 580
- Weight of all ticket envelopes and trays in first mailing: More than 5,000 pounds
 - Hours needed to fill

envelopes by hand: More than 880 person-hours

- Number of working days to package enve-
- lopes: 43 Number of Penske Entertainment employees who fill envelopes: 34

Federal postal inspectors came to IMS with a large truck for the first mailing. Many IMS employees pitched in to help load the trucks for delivery Thursday. This year, they were joined by 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi, who helped load the truck with tickets so race fans can see him compete for his second Indy 500 win in the No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS/AutoNation Honda in person.

Receiving an eagerly awaited blue envelope in the mail is a rite of spring for thousands of fans of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." But why are the envelopes blue?

In the 1970s, Indianapolis 500 tickets were mailed in brown envelopes with

the IMS return address in the upper left corner. In the 1980s, a heavier-stock, gray-colored envelope was introduced to mail the tickets, with just the IMS Post Office box number in the upper left corner. A computerized printer also was used for the first time in the 1980s to print ticket customers' name and address on each

envelope. When the NASCAR Cup Series was added to the IMS schedule in 1994, the Ticket Office needed a way to distinguish between the envelopes containing tickets for the Indianapolis 500 and the annual NASCAR race, especially if the Postal Service returned the envelope as non-deliverable.

So, the IMS Ticket Office decided to color-code the ticket envelopes for each event. Indianapolis 500 ticket envelopes became blue, Brickyard Weekend envelopes became purple, GMR Grand Prix envelopes became

green, and ticket envelopes for other IMS events use a variety of colors, including red, cream, gray and yellow.

Tickets for the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by

Gainbridge on Sunday, May 29, the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 14 and all other Month of May events are available at IMS.com/Tickets or via the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700.

HamCo Community Band Offers Free Spring Concert

The Hamilton County Community Band invites you and your family to a free Spring concert on March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Noblesville High School Auditorium. The concert will feature R. Vaughan Williams' "Folk Song Suite for Military Band" conducted by our founder and current director, Brian Swart. Bring the kids and grandkids to celebrate the fact that Spring is in the air! The Noblesville High School Auditorium is located at 18111 Cumberland Road in Noblesville. Enter at gate 1.

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Community Band (HCCB) was formed on February 25, 2018, with a meeting between Brian Swart, Eric Thornbury, and Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community band in Hamilton County. HCCB performs free concerts throughout the Hamilton County area and provides a musical outlet for many local amateur and professional musicians. Our mission is to have a "FUN' atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians. HCCB is a year around band that rehearses Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.





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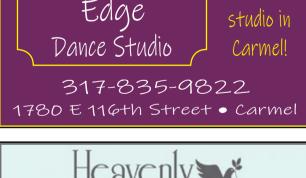
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Project:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fishers, Indiana will receive sealed bids for the Project addressed to the Director of Engineering, City of Fishers, City Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 until 10:00 am on or before March 21, 2022. Any Bid received after the designated time will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read by the City of Fishers at 10:00 am in the Fishers Administration Conference Room, located on the Second Floor of Fishers City Hall. Notice of Award to be provided at 9 a.m. on March 22, 2022, in the Fishers Administration Conference Room, immediately following the BPW meeting. The Bid should be clearly marked "BID ENCLOSED S.R.37 AND 141ST ST LIFT STATION" on the outside of the envelope, and as otherwise set

Director of Engineering One Municipal Drive Fishers, Indiana 46038

forth in the Bid Documents.

A Pre-Bid Conference for discussion of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on March 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fishers Administration Conference Room, Second Floor of Fishers City a.m. in the Fishers Administration Conference Room, Second Floor of Fishers City Hall. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference. For special accommodations required for handicapped individuals planning to attend the Pre-Bid Conference or public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Fishers at (317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

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Hamilton County, Fishers, Indiana, all as required by the Bidding nents for the Project which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and which together with the Drawings, may be examined at City of Fishers, Department of Engineering, Fishers City Hall, (317) 595-3160. Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally from the City of Fishers via link: https://fishersin.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1079/record-types/1006533 for a fee of \$50. Bid Documents and Plans can also be obtained at the City of Fishers City Hall Service Desk, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 for the fee of \$50. Partial sets will not be sold. Copies of bid documents and plans are also available for examination in the Engineering office. All payments for Bidding Documents are non-refundable. Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Drawings and Bidding Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in religence on incomplete sets of Drawings and Contra omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Drawings and Contract Documents. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual, must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be

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> (2) Bid Bond made payable to City of Fishers, in the amount of ten percent

> (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, the Agreement and provision of the required Payment and Performance Bonds as included in the Project Manual.

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A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety on the form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond to the Owner, approved

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Hazel Dell Elementary third-grader Hadley Brown created this self-portrait that is on display through March during Noblesville Schools' Young Artists exhibit at Nickel Plate Arts in Noblesville.



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Hinkle Creek Elementary fourth-grader Max Rutledge created this "Clowning Around" artwork on display through March at Nickel Plate Arts in Noblesville.



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Promise Road Elementary student Riley Madagan created this artwork on display through March during Noblesville Schools' Young Artists exhibit at Nickel Plate Arts in Noblesville.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason **Stony Creek Elementary**

third-grader Harper Hoyte created this "Nutcracker" art.



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North Elementary students' work is among seven Noblesville elementaries with artwork on display.

schools have displayed work at the Nickel Plate every year since the center opened more than 10 years ago, said Promise Road Elementary art teacher Darlene Patterson, who was the main point of contact for the district's art teachers for this exhibit.

Visiting the art show brought back memories of when my own daughter, now 15, displayed her artwork when she was a student at both North and

Stony Creek elementaries. Patterson loves seeing all of the students' artwork from all of the elementa-

"Joy shows in their creations," Patterson said. "Showing their work at Nickel Plate Arts center is a wonderful way to share

their creativity with their families and the community and bring joy to all who see the artwork.' During the COVID, in

2020, the artwork was hung and the opening artists reception took place just days before the school district shifted to digital learning and the world shut down.

In 2021, the show went virtual. "That was fine but not nearly as joyous as seeing the smiling faces of the artists when they come to the opening event and see their work on display at the Nickel Plate Arts center," Patterson said.

And there were definitely many young smiling faces proudly showing their families their artwork.

"Often, the artists will



White River Elementary is among seven Noblesville elementaries with artwork on display.

make a full evening of the open-house celebration. They dress up, go out to dinner with their families and celebrate their talents," Patterson said.

Each elementary art teacher tries to select about 30 to 40 2-D images and usually there are additional 3-D works, she said. "Multiply that by the number of elementaries in our district, and it is easily 300 to 350 works of art in the show."

She said, "The art teachers marvel at the large number of works of art that can fit on the walls and in the gallery."

It's important to have school art shows like this, Patterson said. "By having art shows and displays of our students' work, we

have a way of sharing the creativity and hard work the artists put into their masterpieces. Art shows are a way for the art teachers to feature the talents and lessons learned throughout the school year as they teach the state art standards and build creativity."

Les Reinhardt, the Nickel Plate's operations manager, coordinated the exhibit, working with Patterson, who communicates to the district's six other elementary art teachers.

"She and I meet to discuss options for when to have an exhibit, when to hang the show, when to hold the reception and how the show gets returned to the schools," Reinhardt said. "Once we



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noble Crossing Elementary is among seven Noblesville elementaries with artwork on display.

set the dates, we discuss what items can be used to hang the art, and what the needs are of each school regarding what they need to display."

Patterson discusses everything with the group of teachers, and the next step is the installation.

"The teachers come in with their students' work. They already have them mounted and labeled, they divvy up the gallery and hang their own art. During the course of the exhibit, I make sure the art is in good condition and everything is looking great when the gallery is open," Reinhardt said.

"The teachers are the unsung heroes of this exhibit, each one of them taking personal time to

make this exhibit happen: mounting the artwork, labeling, hanging each piece, bringing in treats for the reception. It truly shows how much they care about the importance of creative expression and their devotion to their students."

Reinhardt said, "The artwork is bright, colorful, surprising and expressive. I definitely enjoy seeing the students' work and hope that they continue creating."

- Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. Noblesville High School literary magazine club has work on display now, also, with a public reception set for March 21. The club's reception scheduled in February was postponed due to weather.

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social influence or subjective norm in the theory of reasoned action research also influenced the use of mobile phones. Other studies too have identified different possible motivators for senior mobile phone use, including social influence, safety, security, autonomy, relatedness, and usefulness."

Tiffany Esshaki, who writes for C&G Newspapers, reports that older folk have been slowly but surely embracing the fruits of technology and the pandemic helped speed things up for savvy seniors. Tiffany cites Molly McElroy, a 70 year old resident of Auburn Hills, MI. According to McElroy, "If you, like me, are a senior, which makes you a high risk for COVID-19, (social media) is how you carry on. You're already limited at some level by age, driving less at night, and now you're isolated. Or are you? Thanks to my hobbies — indolence and the Internet — I hardly feel impacted at all."

Ageists will tell you that the elderly are not capable of navigating the intricate pathways of computer and smart phone communication. It's not true. In a scholarly paper by Morgan Van Vleck, a Masters Research Fellow in Aging at Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging at Washington University, St. Louis,

MO, argues that the use of social media and technology by seniors is a welcom-

ing development.
"The growing intergenerational nature of social media has been beneficial in allowing a place for people to build relationships based on common interests rather than age. The future of social media is an intergenerational one, with the aging population only set to increase. Instead of viewing a growing social media use among older adults as the "death" of these sites, it should be viewed as an avenue for possibility that arises when everyone is given a platform," he says.

O DENTAL

An estimated 37 million Americans are living with kidney disease, and 1 in 3 adults is at risk for the disease, according to the American Kidney Fund. Kidney disease typically does not have any symptoms until the late stages, so most people do not know they

have it.

Who is at risk? Kidney disease doesn't discriminate; people of all backgrounds get it. However, multiple barriers contribute to inequity in kidney care, including systemic racial and ethnic biases, language and cultural differences and where a person lives. These barriers make it more likely for certain people's kidney disease to progress to kidney failure - the last stage of kidney disease. For example, Black Americans make up just 13% of the population, but they are 3.4 times more likely than white Americans to progress to kidney failure.

Other risk factors include diabetes, high blood pressure, hereditary causes or having a family history of the disease, being over the age of 60, obesity and smoking. Talking with

your doctor about these risk factors is an important step toward managing your kidney health. Being tested for kidney disease if you are at risk can help detect early problems.

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What are the symptoms?

In the later stages of kidney disease, you may have symptoms like foot swelling, nausea and fatigue. Other potential symptoms include itching, muscle cramps, changes in urine output, loss of appetite, trouble catching your breath and problems sleeping.

Regular blood and urine tests can help monitor your kidney health. Ask your doctor to check your kidney function, and if the tests reveal concerns, work together to create a plan.

What are the treatment options?

There is no cure for kidney disease, but you can take actions and medicines to manage your condition and possibly help prevent the disease from progressing to kidney failure. Depending on the specific cause of your kidney problems, your doctor may suggest controlling your blood sugar, blood

pressure and cholesterol; eating healthy; quitting smoking; and being more physically active and maintaining a healthy weight. Medicines can also help control kidney disease for people with diabetes.

If kidney disease progresses to kidney failure, dialysis or a kidney transplant is required to survive.

How to advocate for kidney health

Dawn Edwards was just 23 when she developed kidney failure, reinforcing that kidney disease can affect anyone at any age. While Edwards juggles life with dialysis, she also regularly talks to newly diagnosed and high-risk patients.

"My advice is to learn as much as you can and have honest, frank discussions with your doctor," Edwards said. "Learn about your treatment options, including the side effects of medications, and lifestyle changes that can manage your diabetes and high blood pressure and ultimately slow or stop the progression of kidney disease."

For more information, visit KidneyFund.org/ KnowYourKidneys.

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mum at age 70. If financially feasible and your longevity suggests, both you and your wife might consider waiting even longer to get a higher benefit, but that is a personal choice which you each need to make. Claiming now at age 69 will reduce your payment by about 6% from your age 70 maximum. Since your wife isn't eligible for a spouse benefit but has reached her FRA. she might also consider delaying a bit longer if her financial needs and her estimated longevity suggest that is wise. Like you, she can delay claiming until she is 70 when her benefit would reach its maximum

(about 30% more than it is

now). If you'd like to get a personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest using this link: https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/ life-expectancy-calculator/. The reason life expectancy is important is this: if you live at least to "average' life expectancy, you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer and maximizing your SS benefit. According to Social Security, "average" life expectancy is about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman in good health in their 60s. But using the tool above to estimate your personal longevity should

further assist with making

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Tips On How To Boost Your Garden's **Harvest While Reducing Pest Problems**

by Melinda Myers

Boost this year's harvest and reduce pest problems with less effort, while being kind to the environment. Employ row covers, chicken wire cloches and crop cages to prevent damage without the aid of chemicals.

Floating row covers of spun-bonded or woven materials let air, light, and water through to the covered plantings. The warm air that is captured protects the plantings from frosty temperatures. The coverings also prevent birds from dining on newly planted seeds and eliminate damage by certain insects like flea beetles, onion maggots, seed corn maggots, and leafhoppers that may infect lettuce, celery, and carrots with aster yellows disease.

Cover susceptible seeds and transplants at planting to prevent the insects from reaching the plants. Insects like flea beetles and onion and seed corn maggots overwinter as adults in the soil near the previous season's planting. Move susceptible plants to a different part of the garden to avoid trapping the insects under the row cover with their favorite food source.



Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com Plant protection tents protect plants from cold and wind, animals, and insect pests.

fabric in place throughout the season. Just lift to harvest and replace.

Cover squash at planting to prevent birds from dining on newly planted seeds and to reduce the risk of squash vine borer and squash bugs. The fabric prevents these insects from accessing the plants. Remove the covers when flowering begins to allow pollinators access to the blossoms. Don't use row covers when plantfor gardeners to cover and access the plantings. Systems like this include two covers; one to protect plants from cold and a second lighter weight fabric for preventing insect damage during the warmer growing season. Reuse the fabrics as long as they remain intact.

Self-supporting mesh enclosures like Pest Control Pop-Ups (gardeners.com) are another option for protecting

plantings from insects, birds, and animals. Look for products like this that are simple to install and fold flat for easy storage when not in use. Finer mesh products keep out insect pests while larger mesh wire covers protect plantings from birds and animals, including hungry squirrels dining on greens and ripe tomatoes. Various sizes and designs provide coverage for individual plants, raised beds and berry bushes

Make this the year to be proactive at preventing and minimizing pest damage throughout season without the use of chemicals. Your efforts will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.

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multi-purpose appliance to help refresh the look of your area. For example, a heated towel rack can save time and money while providing comfort and convenience. Companies

Easy And Affordable Bathroom Upgrades

(Family Features) Long among the most popular areas for homeowners to undertake improvement projects, bathrooms can be some of the easiest rooms in the house to renovate without spending a fortune.

If you're looking to update one of the mostused spaces in your home, consider these easy and cost-effective ways to give your bathroom a facelift.

Accessorize with Color

There are numerous ways to create a new look without lifting any tools. Replacing linens and other soft surfaces like rugs, window treatments and shower curtains can help brighten up your space. Adding a fresh coat of paint is another low-cost way to modify the look and feel of a space. With a variety of paint colors and finishes to choose from, you can add a splash of color as an accent or go all out to create depth and contrast.

Update Cabinetry and Light Fixtures

Keeping your existing vanity and other bathroom cabinetry, especially if they're in good condition, can be a cheaper option than replacing all the cabinets. To create an updated look, add a different coat of stain or paint, replace the hardware and add pullout shelving or drawer dividers.

Replacing old, out-ofdate light fixtures with modern, efficient options including the appropriate bulb selections for each fixture – is another cost-effective way to help the space

Install a Heated Towel

Consider investing in a

like Amba Products offer a variety of styles and finishes to fit almost any decor that produce radiant heat to gently warm and dry towels, which can save time, water and energy by not having to do laundry as often. In addition, the racks can help eliminate moisture, resulting in less growth of mold and mildew. Some freestanding models come ready to use and take as little as 5 minutes to set up.

An option like the **UL-certified Jeeves** Wet-Rated Kit allows homeowners to install a high-quality, stainless steel heated towel rack inside moisture-rich environments like wet rooms, shower alcoves and walk-in showers or above bathtubs to make their bathrooms more functional while adding a touch of comfort.

Swap Out Decor and Accessories

A quick, inexpensive way to transform your bathroom is to update the decor and other design elements. Installing a new toilet seat, faucet or showerhead and adding matching accessories, such as a toilet paper holder, shower control knobs or a toothbrush holder, can make the space feel new and interesting. For even more impact, add artwork that matches the theme of the room, greenery or floating shelving.

Add Accent Tile You can create a luxurious look with your backsplash, flooring or shower by adding a pop of colorful tile. Cheaper than purchasing an entire room's worth of tile, creating a chevron or herringbone pattern in one of these oft-seen areas of the bathroom can make a fresh statement.

Get started on your bathroom remodel with more tips and ideas at ambaproducts.com.

Spring Cleaning: Is Your 'Junk' Worth A Fortune?

(StatePoint) If your family is like most, you have "junk" in your basement, garage or attic, such as sports cards, memorabilia and toys. Before you toss them out during spring cleaning, consider that the prices of sports cards, games and other ephemera are skyrocketing.

How can you determine if your stuff is valuable and, if it is, how can you sell it?

A widely accepted rule for sports cards, memorabilia and toys is that older items are worth more. However, these days even more recent items are also commanding high prices.

"Vintage sports cards from the early periods of a sport are almost always highly collectible, especially of Hall of Famers," says Al Crisafulli, Auction Director at Love of the Game Auctions, an internet sports and memorabilia auction that helps families sell collectibles. "But don't assume sports

cards or other memorabilia have to be old to be valuable. Modern cards of such stars as Tom Brady, Mike Trout, LeBron James, Michael Jordan, Derek Jeter and others can sell for lots of money."

He is offering tips to help determine if your belongings are valuable: Older Sports Cards

Cards from the 1960s and earlier are collectible, and those from before the 1940s can be extremely valuable. Bigname Hall of Famers like Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Lou Gehrig, Honus Wagner, Mickey Mantle and others bring high prices.

With old cards from the 1880s and early 1900s, look for tobacco and candy brands, such as Old Judge, Piedmont, Sweet Caporal or American Caramel. Really old Sports memorabilia from the 19th and early 20th Century, such as photographs, postcards, bats, gloves and balls are also collectible.

When opting to sell sports items, consider a specialty auction, such as Love of the Game, which has the expertise to professionally research sports items and maintains lists of bidders specializing in this area, to get top dollar. More information is available at loveofthegameauctions. com.

Modern Cards Prices on recent baseball, basketball and football cards have risen rapidly. The three keys are condition, star power and cards from early in player careers.

Do you have major current stars, like Mike Trout, Patrick Mahomes, Tom Brady and LeBron James? Or do you have greats from the recent past, like Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, Derek Jeter or Joe Montana?

Check if your cards are denoted as Rookie, Prospect, Draft Pick or other indicators they're from a player's first season.

And condition is king, as cards that look pack fresh with sharp corners and a well-centered image command highest prices. Additionally, unopened packs and boxes from almost any year can be valuable.

Memorabilia

Do you have old advertising posters depicting sports stars or famous entertainment personalities together with food, tobacco or sporting goods brands. Many original signs, store displays and promotional items are collectible, especially those dating from the early 1900s into the 1960s. But low-quality reproductions aren't. Look for memorabilia spotlighting sports heroes, superheroes, early Walt Disney characters and Star Wars subjects.

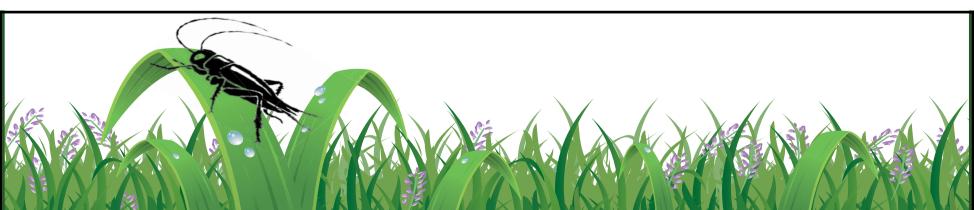
So, while you're spring cleaning that attic, basement or garage, don't rush to the garbage. Before throwing out old "junk," determine if it's valuable!

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Brooks & Dunn Will Return To Arenas For The First Time In Over A Decade

The best-selling duo of all time, Brooks & Dunn are returning to arenas, announcing their REBOOT 2022 TOUR today. Kicking off in downtown Evansville on May 5 the nationwide tour will see the duo hit some cities and venues for the first time in over a decade, and some in over 20 years. The tour stop in Evansville will take place at the Ford Center on Thursday, May 5, 2022 and will also feature special guests Jon Pardi and Tyler Booth.

Tickets for the Evansville show will go on sale to the general public beginning at 10AM on Friday, March 4 at Ticketmaster.com and LiveNation.com.

"Last year we fired up the buses and 'let it roll' again," shared Kix Brooks. "Thanks for reminding us how you guys can shake every stage we walk on to...damn, it feels good to be back with ya! Bring it! We'll meet you there!"

"It is our full intent to step onto the stage each night and throw down like the wildest honky tonk you've never been to...yet," added Ronnie

Dunn. "Don't be concerned about the mess left afterwards, y'all just enjoy yourselves and we'll worry about that later."

With 20 No. 1 hits stretching back to 1991, two GRAMMY awards, dozens of ACM and CMA honors and a discography counting more album sales than any duo in history - regardless of genre – Brooks & Dunn's influence on today's country has never been in question. Hits like "Boot Scootin' Boogie," "My Maria" and "Believe" have propelled the duo to more than 30 million albums sold, with the New York Times heralding "together they helped drive the power-country era of the early-to-mid 1990s and continued to benefit from the sea change in the genre they helped initiate right through their most recent albums." Their original "Merle Haggard meets The Rolling Stones" vibe made them progressive stars in their own right. The duo's recently released collaboration project REBOOT debuted at No. One on Billboard's Top Country Albums.

The impressive feat marks the first time the duo has topped the album charts since 2009 while simultaneously earning the duo their 10th Billboard 200 Top 10 album, the most of any country duo or group in the chart's history. In 2019 the duo was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in the "Modern Era Artist" category. In 2021 Brooks & Dunn undertook their first nationwide tour in ten years with their anticipated The REBOOT 2021 TOUR, as well as wrapped their hugely successful and the longest-running country residency in Las Vegas, "REBA, BROOKS & DUNN: Together in

Vegas. For more information, visit www.brooks-dunn.

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Musical Comedy Mean Girls Comes To Indianapolis As Part Broadway Series

Broadway in Indianapolis will welcome the First National Tour of Mean Girls—the record-breaking new musical comedy produced by Lorne Michaels, Stuart Thompson, Sonia Friedman, and Paramount Pictures based on the hit film— for eight performances March 29 through April 3 at the Old National Centre. Tickets are on sale now and available by calling 1-800-982-2787 or online at www.ticketmaster. com. Group orders of 10 or more may be placed

by calling 317-632-5183. The performance schedule will be Tuesday-Thursday evening at 7:30 pm, Friday and Saturday evening at 8 pm, Saturday matinee at 2 pm, Sunday matinee at 1 pm and Sunday evening at 6:30 pm. Mean Girls is part of the 2021/2022 Broadway in Indianapolis

Series. Mean Girls features a book by nine-time Emmy Award® winner Tina Fey, based on her screenplay for the film, music by three-time Emmy Award® winner Jeff Richmond; and lyrics by two-time Tony Award® nominee Nell Benjamin. Tony Award® winner Casey Nicholaw directs

and choreographs. Mean Girls opened on Broadway in April 2018 to rave reviews at the August Wilson Theatre, following its world premiere at the National Theatre in Washington,

DC, in the fall of 2017.

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting

New York Magazine calls Mean Girls "HI-LARIOUS! A smart, splashy new musical that delivers with immense energy, a wicked sense of humor and joyful inside-jokery." Chicago Tribune said "Tina Fey writes FUNNIER, SMARTER, SHARPER satire than anyone else in the business." People Magazine calls the show "FRESH, FUN AND INFECTIOUS -

Jeff Richmond and Nell Benjamin's songs keep the laughs coming!" The New York Daily News said Mean Girls "TICK-LES THE EARS, EYES AND FUNNY BONE - the direction by Casey Nicholaw packs style, invention and red bull-force energy." And, Entertainment Weekly calls it "A MARVEL: DAZZLING

& HILARIOUS! The creative team includes Scott Pask (Set Design), Gregg Barnes (Costume Design), Kenneth Posner (Lighting Design), Brian Ronan (Sound Design), Finn Ross & Adam Young (Video Design), Josh Marquette (Hair Design), Milagros Medina-Cerdeira (Make-Up Design), Mary-Mitchell Campbell (Music Director), John Clancy (Orchestrations), Glen Kelly (Dance and Incidental Music Arrangements), Mary-Mitchell Campbell, Jeff Richmond, and Natalie Tenenbaum (Vocal Arrangements), Howard Joines (Music Coordinator), and Telsey + Co / Bethany Knox, CSA (Casting)

Mean Girls (Original Broadway Cast Recording), produced by Atlantic Records, is now available.

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World Of Outlaws Late Models Set For **Historic Weekend At Farmer City Raceway**

Illinois is set to host one of the most highly-anticipated events on the World of Outlaws CASE Construction Equipment Late Model Series schedule - the iconic Illini 100 at Farmer City Raceway.

The two-night spectacular will showcase Series stars battling drivers from across the Midwest for the coveted trophy and a potential \$26,000 total payday.

No joke, drivers will be on the wheel Friday, April 1, for a 25-lap sprint with \$6,000 on the line. Then, The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet return to the 1/4-mile bullring Saturday, April 2, to battle for \$20,000 in a 75-lap finale.

Along with the World of Outlaws CASE Late Models spectacle, fans will also witness history at the Illini 100 as the event will host the debut of the Xtreme Outlaw Midget Series. Drivers entered in the inaugural event will battle for \$4,000 on both nights.

Fans will have the chance to meet both their favorite Late Model and Midget drivers during an autograph session on Saturday afternoon.

The event already made history in 2021 as two Prairie State drivers visited World of Outlaws Victory Lane for the first time. Mike Spatola led all 25-laps of Friday's Feature, holding off fellow Illinois drivers Ryan Unzicker and Bobby Pierce for the win.

The following night, Pierce, the "Smooth Operator," capitalized on that podium finish to grab his first career Series win on Saturday, holding off a late charge from Cade Dillard. The Oakwood, IL driver pulled an epic slide job with two laps to go, grabbing the lead for good to cash in on the \$20,000 prize.

Pierce will return to Farmer City to defend his Illini 100 title, but there's a stout list of hungry World of Outlaws and in-state rivals hoping to prevent his return to the throne.

Four-time and defending Series champion Brandon Sheppard enters the weekend with three World of Outlaws victories at the Illinois venue. He leads the World of Outlaws competitors hoping for Illini 100 glory.

The New Berlin, IL driver is also on a quest for history, as his next win ties Josh Richards for most in Series history

Richards is the only other full-time World of Outlaws driver with a Series win at the track, scoring both victories with Rocket1 Racing in 2016.

Sheppard and Richards must fight off challenges from championship contenders and Illinois rivals Dennis Erb Jr. and Kyle Hammer.

Erb already scored his first win of 2022 at **DIRTcar Nationals and** is currently second in points—38 points behind Chris Madden.

Hammer hopes to defend home turf at Farmer City, as the venue sits less than 30 minutes away from his Clinton, IL residence. The Rookie of the Year contender has already shown he's a force to be reckoned with after leading 17 laps of one DIRTcar Nationals Feature and grabbing his first top-five in another.

It won't be easy for the World of Outlaws drivers to find Victory Lane, however, as Illinois produces some of the toughest competition they'll see throughout the season.

Brian Shirley is one of the many Prairie State competitors hoping to keep the Series regulars out of the winner's circle. Shirley owns two Illini 100 victories – in 2018 and 2019.

Shannon Babb is another driver with two Illini 100 wins. "The Moweaqua Missile" found Victory Lane in 2007 and 2014 and is searching for his 14th career World of Outlaws triumph.

Also joining the card over the weekend are the **DIRTcar Pro Late Models** on Friday, April 1, and **DIRTcar UMP Modifieds** Saturday, April 2.

A practice night will be available for all divisions on Thursday, March 31.

Get your tickets to the historic Illini 100 as the top drivers in the Land of Lincoln take on the World of Outlaws.

If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action live on DIRTVision - either online on with the DIRTVision App.

The World of Outlaws CASE Construction Equipment Late Model Series is brought to fans across the country by many important sponsors and partners, including: **CASE** Construction Equipment (Official Construction Equipment), **DIRTVision** (Official Live Broadcast Partner), Hoosier Racing Tire (Official Tire), iRacing (Official Online Racing Game), SIS Insurance (Official Insurance Provider) VP Racing Fuels (Official Racing Fuel); contingency sponsors include Arizona Sport Shirts/ Gotta Race, ARP (Automotive Racing Products), Cometic Gasket, COMP Cams, Fox Factory (Hard Charger Award), MSD, Penske Racing Shocks, Quarter Master, Slick Woody's (Quick Time Award), Swift Springs, and Wrisco-Wieland Metal Services (Exclusive Racing Aluminum); along with manufacturer sponsors, including Dirt Car Lift, Capital Race Cars, FIREBULL, Integra Shocks, Intercomp, K1 Race Gear, Racing Electronics, Reliable Painting, Rocket Chassis, and Sea

Founded in 1978, the World of Outlaws[®], based in Concord, NC, is the premier national touring series for dirt track racing in North America, featuring the most powerful cars on dirt, the World of Outlaws NOS® Energy Drink Sprint Car Series and the World of Outlaws Late Model Series. Annually, the two series race nearly 140 times at tracks across the United States and Canada. CBS Sports Network is the official broadcast partner of the World of Outlaws. DIRTVision® also broadcasts World of Outlaws events over the Internet to fans around the world. Learn more about the World of Outlaws.

The Chicks Announce Their Return To The Road

The 13-time GRAM-MY® award-winning, multi-platinum selling global superstars, The Chicks announced their highly anticipated return to the road with The Chicks Tour, set for summer 2022. Produced by Live Nation, the 27-city tour kicks off on June 14 at Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre in St. Louis, MO. General ticket on sale for The Chicks Tour is set to begin Friday, March 4 at 10am local time on ticketmaster. com. The tour will make a stop at Ruoff Music Center located in Noblesville, Indiana on Sunday, June 19, 2022 along with special guest Patty Griffin as part of the Coors Light Concert Series.

The Chicks are also proud to announce they are partnering with environmental nonprofit, REVERB.org to make this year's tour more

environmentally sustainable while engaging fans to take action for people and the planet. At each show, The Chicks/RE-VERB Action Village will be set be set up for fans to take action on important environmental and social causes, fill up at the free #RocknRefill water stations, and more. For more information, please check out RE-VERB.org

After nearly 14 years, The Chicks released their fifth studio album GASLIGHTER to rave reviews in July 2020 via Columbia Records. The 12-track record was co-produced by award-winning singer-songwriter, producer, and close friend of the band Jack Antonoff. Download GASLIGHT-ER here and check out the "For Her Alliance" at the band's YouTube here.

Earning universal recognition as the biggest-selling U.S. female band of all time, The Chicks have sold more than 30.5 million albums and are among an elite group of artists and the only female group to achieve multiple "diamond" selling (ten million copies) releases. Counting 13 GRAMMY® Awards, six Billboard Music Awards, four American Music Awards, and numerous Country Music Association Awards among many other accolades, their last record-breaking studio album, TAKING THE LONG WAY (2006), won five GRAMMY® Awards including "Album of the Year," "Record of the Year," and "Song of the Year."

For additional information on The Chicks, please visit www. thechicks.com



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