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## TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.



## FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Alison Farber smile? "Seeing people be happy and be outside and everybody trying to get back to normal, which makes me really excited," said the then 34-year-old Noblesville resident. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She and her oldest son, Emmett, then 4, were found sitting on a lounge in the middle of Federal Hill Commons during the 2021 Noblesville Farmers Market, sponsored by Noblesville Main Street. Alison and husband, Daniel, also have a 1-year-old son, Jonah, who both stayed at home. "We're just visiting (the market and park) to give dad some time." Alison is originally from Elkhart but moved to Noblesville. "This is where my husband's family lives. We lived away for a while, and we decided to come back to Indiana." She is a local business owner and career coach and works from home, virtually based. They love living here. "Noblesville is just a good location and is fantastically accessible to Indianapolis." The Noblesville Farmers Market kicks off its season on May 7 with Kids Day on July 16, Aug. 13 and Sept. 17.

## And Another Thing...

In April, the Northern Hamilton County Chamber will gather for another opportunity to get Jacked up on Joe! This 4 Town Grounds meeting will feature two speakers. Attendees will hear from Mike Jenkins of Hope Family Care Center, a local non-profit offering free medical services to those who could not otherwise afford it. Also from Cory Childs, President of BerryComm, who is working to provide fast internet to areas that are unserved and underserved. Two local entities that are providing lots of opportunities you will want to hear about!

Mark your calendar for April 14 from 8-9:30 am and get your day started off on the right foot! The event will take place at The Remnant Coffee Shop in Arcadia. Visit <https://northernhamiltoncountychamber.com/products/chamber-luncheon-04-april-14-2022> to register to attend.

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## Noblesville Schools Superintendent Search Survey Results Released



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The community was recently invited to share their input regarding the search for a new Noblesville Schools superintendent. Approximately 2,500 people provided input including school staff, parents and Noblesville residents.

The top three priorities noted for the district were:

- Attracting high quality teachers
- Improving student achievement
- Improving effectiveness of

teaching

The top personal characteristics the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

- Good communicator
- Problem solver
- Trustworthy
- Approachable

The top professional skills the community wants to see in the next superintendent are:

- Ability to lead strategic planning
- Instructional leadership

- Ability to motivate others
  - Human relations skills
- There were 742 comments provided and they fell into four theme areas:

- Hard shoes to fill
- Not political
- Support various groups
- Specific political support

The survey was conducted by the University Search Team as part of their efforts supporting the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees with the superintendent search.

For more information on the survey results go to [https://drive.google.com/file/d/16CgkoA2\\_SAxArY2Z-V0EqZMswWlsURjnC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16CgkoA2_SAxArY2Z-V0EqZMswWlsURjnC/view).

## Timmons Back And Wandering Around



TIM TIMMONS  
Two Cents

Notes scribbled on the back of an EKG printout . . .

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TO PARAPHRASE the late Jerry Garcia, what a long and strange trip it's been . . . although I'm relatively certain we're talking two very different kind of trips.

The short answer to the question so many of you have asked is that I am recovering nicely from the heart attack and ensuing quadruple bypass surgery. It sounds trite, but I really am getting a little better each day. Without going into the gory details, the (rather large) incision is healing and so are the smaller ones. My chest feels like it was cracked open like a lobster tail on a Friday night at Joe's Crab Shack. But that, too, is healing.

While I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemies, it has been an eye-opening experience for me. To say it's been life changing is an understatement. I have started losing weight again, thanks to an avoidance of sugars and salts. My sincere hope and goal is that I won't fall off that wagon like I did once before (if trainers Denise or Tonya see this, I will try harder this time - promise!).

At the risk of being repetitive, please bear with me while I once again say thank you. It has



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

DéJon LéTray Marshall-Fisher as Homer Smith, the traveling handyman who stops in to help the nuns build a chapel, opposite Kim O'Mara, who plays her first lead role as the Mother Maria Marthe, during The Belfry Theatre's production of "The Lilies of the Field" play, on stage Friday through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

## Belfry 'Lilies of the Field' Actor Wanted to Do Poitier Role 'Justice'



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

Actor Sidney Poitier died just three days before The Belfry Theatre's cast members of "The Lilies of the Field" had their first read-through of the script that has been rehearsed for the past 10 weeks.

Poitier, 94, was the lead actor in the 1963 film of the same name, "Lilies of the Field," about a handyman helping a group of German-speaking nuns build a chapel. That story is

now being told in The Belfry Theatre's upcoming production of the play, which opened last Friday and continues through this Sunday. It's the third show in Hamilton County Theatre Guild's 57th season, and the show is dedicated to Poitier, acknowledged in the show's playbill.

A Gary, Ind.-born actor by the name of DéJon LéTray Marshall-Fisher plays Poitier's lead role of Homer Smith, the handyman, in the eight performances of The Belfry play. "He's such a wonderful character to play, and definitely one of my favorite characters I've ever played," Marshall-Fisher, 32, said, calling it "an amazing experience."

He said, "Going into the role, I've honestly never read the play, or seen the movie, so I didn't know what to expect."

The actor said, "It's a story about faith that needs to be told over and over again, especially in our current climate in this

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take a walk after eating, particularly if the meal contained a lot of fat. 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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



## OBITUARIES

Deborah "Debbie" Martin

## HONEST HOOSIER

Indiana Governor James Atwell Mount was born on this day in 1843. He was the 24th governor of our great state!



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



## TODAY'S QUOTE

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go . . ."

- Dr. Seuss

## TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?  
A dino-snore!





# Nine Hamilton County Basketball Players Named to Top 60 Seniors List

Nine Hamilton County boys basketball players, including E.J. Smith of Noblesville, have been named to Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 senior boys' basketball players for 2021-22.

Smith is joined by Westfield's Cam Haffner and Braden Smith (a Purdue signee who is currently injured and won't be able to participate), Luke Carroll from Hamilton Heights, Will Grissom of Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern's Sam Jacobs, Jeffrey Simmons of Fishers and Carmel's Peter Suder and Charlie Williams. These boys, along with other outstanding players, were selected from approximately 1,500 senior players statewide. This event will be at Marian University in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60 Senior Workout is highlighted by five players who will participate in the 2022 IHSAA State Finals on Saturday, March 26th including in AA Connor Essegian, Central Noble, in AAA Richard Brooks, Mishawaka Marian and in AAAA Travis Grayson, Chesterton along with Tayshawn Comer and Jaxon Edwards from Indianapolis Cathedral.

The top two scorers in the state are also featured in the Top 60 Workout. They are Hunter Johnson, South Decatur (31.9 ppg) and Jalen Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop (27.6). Also highlighting the Top 60 players are four Big Ten recruits—in addition to Westfield's Smith are Connor Essegian, Central Noble (Wisconsin), CJ Gunn, Lawrence North (Indiana) and Fletcher Loyer, Homestead (Purdue). Those four players along with Tae Davis, Warren Central (Louisville) and Carmel's Suder (Belarmine) are featured on the front cover of the 2021-22 issue of Hoosier Basketball Magazine are also part of the Top 60 Senior Workout. Nine more seniors—Carmel's Williams (William &

Mary); Tayshawn Comer, Indianapolis Cathedral (Eastern Kentucky); Travis Grayson, Chesterton; Jalen Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop (Illinois-Chicago); Logan McIntire, North Harrison (Evansville); Branden Northern, Silver Creek; Billy Smith, Brebeuf Jesuit (Miami-OH); Ryan Conwell, Pike (South Florida); and Kyle Thomas, Cloverdale (Cedarville) — were pictured on the front cover or the table of content page of Hoosier Basketball Magazine and will also participate in the Top 60 Senior Workout.

Statistical evaluation, game observation and statewide research were conducted throughout the season to determine Hoosier Basketball Magazine's Top 60.

Two sessions of the Top 60 Senior Workout will be hosted on Sunday by Hoosier Basketball Magazine, in conjunction with the IHSAA and the IBCA, at Marian University in Indianapolis. Boys primarily from Northern and Southern Indiana will participate in the first session. The remaining players, mostly from Central Indiana, will compete during the second session.

Former State Championship Coach Christopher Hawkins (Indianapolis Attucks) will direct both sessions. Four other outstanding IBCA coaches—John Bodey (Central Noble), Larry Upshaw (Gary 21st Century), Patrick Rady (Cloverdale) and Jason Speer (Bloomington North)—have been invited to assist with on-court coaching.

KnowYourBaller will be filming the Boys Top 60 Senior Workout this year. They will provide summary videos with all pertinent clips for all players participating.

Both sessions are open to the public for admission fee of \$8 (\$5 for students). The Top 60 boys follow.

- E.J. Smith, Noblesville
- Cam Haffner, West-

- field
- Luke Carroll, Hamilton Heights
- Will Grissom, Guerin Catholic
- Sam Jacobs, Hamilton Southeastern
- Jeffrey Simmons, Fishers
- Peter Suder, Carmel
- Charlie Williams, Carmel
- Braden Smith, Westfield (injured)
- Jameer Ajibade, Evansville Bosse
- Reggie Bass, Indianapolis Tech
- Tobey Billups, Connersville
- Caedmon Bontrager, Leo
- Richard Brooks, Mishawaka Marian
- Javan Buchanan, Lafayette Jeff
- Brock Buckley, Covenant Christian (Marion)
- Wesley Celichowski, Floyd Central
- Colin Comer, Greensburg
- Tayshawn Comer, Indianapolis Cathedral
- Ryan Conwell, Pike
- Hayden Cutter, Scottsburg
- Tae Davis, Warren Central
- AJ Dixon, Merrillville
- Jaxon Edwards, Indianapolis Cathedral
- Connor Essegian, Central Noble
- Travis Grayson, Chesterton
- CJ Gunn, Lawrence North
- Mark Hankins, Terre Haute North
- Eli Hoffman, South Dearborn
- Chris Hood, East Noble
- Aaron Humphrey, Tindley
- Chandler Jackson, Warren Central
- Jalen Jackson, Fort Wayne Northrop
- Amhad Jarrard, Mt. Vernon (Fortville)
- Armon Jarrard, Mt. Vernon (Fortville)
- Karson Jenkins, Fort Wayne Snider
- Hunter Johnson, South Decatur
- Cade Jones, Eastern (Pekin)
- Rasheed Jones, Indianapolis Tech
- Randy Kelley, Sul-livan
- Sam King, Columbus North

- Nick Klaiber, Bloomington North
- Hagen Knepp, Barr-Reeve
- Aidan Lambert, Fort Wayne Snider
- Fletcher Loyer, Homestead
- Hayden Maiben, Maonaquah
- Neil Marshall, Delta
- Elijah Mattingly, Central Christian
- Chrishon McCray, Avon
- Logan McIntire, North Harrison
- Carson Miller, Bremen
- Branden Northern, Silver Creek
- Christian Nunn, Indianapolis Attucks
- Landon O'Neal, Eastern Hancock
- Aaron Pickel, North Putnam
- Nate Powell, Tipton
- Eric Price, Gary 21st Century
- A.J. Roseman, Indianapolis Chatard
- Brady Ruggles, Danville
- Avery Saunders, Southmont
- Billy Smith, Brebeuf Jesuit
- Tommy Snyder, South Bend Adams
- Jahni Summers, Evansville Harrison
- Kyle Thomas, Cloverdale
- Shon Tupuola, Brownsburg
- Jordan Turner, Indianapolis Ritter
- Jackson Ullom, Monroe Central
- Carter Waskom, Brownstown Central
- Ty Wills, Anderson
- Bobby Wonnell, Taylor
- Selected but injured and unable to participate:
- Brevin Hallatt, Blue River Valley
- Jalen Washington, Gary West
- Selected but unable to attend:
- (Notables - Hoosier Basketball Magazine's First Team All-State Players)
- Jamison Dunham, Pendleton Heights
- Will Lovings-Watts, Jeffersonville
- Brandon Rayzer-Moore, Jeffersonville
- Joe Reidy, Woodlan
- Dayveon Turner, Indianapolis Tech



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights School Corporation

**Members of HH MS Builders Club give back to their school and community in large and small ways like spending time making a kindness chain while discussing different ways to perform random acts of kindness. In April, the club will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up recreational areas in the community. They will also host a special recognition for staff during National Educators Week in May. Club members pictured (from left) include Megan Waldron, Aydan Cox, Naomi Kuhn, and Leah Waldron.**

## Building a Better Future with Builders Club at HHMS

This is Builders Week, the annual week-long recognition, awareness, and celebration of the middle/junior high school arm of Kiwanis International that takes place the third full week of March. The faculty advisors who lead Builders Clubs and their student members work together to help build brighter, better futures for people in their communities and beyond one project at a time.

Builders Club is a "student-led" community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. The club provides opportunities to develop leadership, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement, and learn life skills through service. This club empowers members to be themselves, collaborate with classmates and implement plans through action. Through Builders Club, students become leaders at school, in their community, and in the world.

The Hamilton Heights Builders Club has a rich and proud history of service in northern Hamilton County dating back to 1994. This year is the school's seventh year as an officially chartered club.

Nicole Ridens and Chelsea Pacheco, serve as the school's Service Leadership Program advisors. Ridens, the assistant principal, has worked at the middle school since 2019 and has been the club sponsor for the past three. For Pacheco, this is her second year as a middle

school counselor and first year as a faculty advisor for the club.

"Builders Club is a terrific way to create a sense of community, engage students, and help them see through their good works how much of a difference they can make," said Nicole Ridens. "It's also an opportunity for students to meet new friends while contributing their time and talents to help others."

"Our club members work to make a difference in small and large ways within their school and in the community," Ridens added. "We're always looking for ways we can engage more students in this worthwhile club to learn the lifelong value of service leadership and contribute where and when we can, individually or as a group."

The Cicero Kiwanis Club sponsors the Builders Club, K-Kids, and Key Club at Hamilton Heights. To learn more about Kiwanis Builders Clubs go to: [www.buildersclub.org](http://www.buildersclub.org).

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high school students. There are more than 1,500 Builders Clubs in middle schools around the world. No two are alike. Each club is an independent entity—designed for its members, by its members. They work together to improve their schools and their communities. The first Builders Club in the country was chartered in 1975. Today, there are more than 1,500 clubs in 19 countries.

## Carmel Marathon Weekend Seeking Volunteers and Course Entertainment on April 8th and 9th

Event organizers are seeking volunteers and course entertainment for the Carmel Marathon Weekend, the largest running event of the year in Carmel, Indiana. The 12th annual event is expected to bring more than 3,500 participants to the city on Friday, April 8 for the Fitness Expo and Saturday, April 9 for the running and walking events.

Race weekend volunteer opportunities include the Fitness Expo packet pickup, gear check, guest services, transportation, aid stations and more. Volunteers will receive an official Carmel Marathon Weekend t-shirt, complimentary snacks and refreshments, and an invitation to the volunteer appreciation post-race party.

Groups, such as teams, companies, and civic organizations, are also encouraged to volunteer at water stations to help support the local community. Groups

will receive a listing or logo in the participant guide and event website, the opportunity to place a banner at their water station, and a \$150 donation to the nonprofit organization of their choice.

Event staff are also finalizing spots for course entertainment on race day. Musicians of all types are encouraged to contact organizers for a placement along the race course, including the Indiana Vein Specialists Cheer Zone at Midtown. Entertainment individuals and groups will receive recognition on the event website and participant guide. Past entertainment has included rally bands, solo guitarists, DJs, rock bands, and country music artists.

"Volunteers are really the heart and soul of race weekend," said Todd Oliver, race director for the Carmel Marathon Weekend. "It's been fun seeing volunteers come back year

after year because they enjoy cheering on our participants at an aid station along the course or handing out medals at the finish. As runners know, that extra bit of confidence or hearing a fun song really gets you through the next mile. We truly couldn't do this without them!"

The 2022 Carmel Marathon Weekend will host the largest percentage of out-of-state participants in its history. The full marathon has sold out for the second year in a row, with limited spots remaining in the half marathon. The Fitness Expo has also sold out, with more than 30 vendors planning to be on site at Carmel High School for packet pickup.

To register as an individual or group volunteer, please visit [CarmelMarathon.com](http://CarmelMarathon.com) and click Volunteer. To sign up as course entertainment, please contact [todd@carmelmarathon.com](mailto:todd@carmelmarathon.com).

CRRG Events is an event management and production company with more than 20 years of producing successful running events. Based in Carmel, Indiana, CRRG Events has staged and managed events across 11 states ranging from a 1-mile football halftime race to ultramarathons. For more information, please visit [CarmelRoadRacingGroup.com](http://CarmelRoadRacingGroup.com).

The 12th annual Carmel Marathon Weekend on Saturday, April 9, 2022 will feature a full marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K, as well as a marathon relay. The Carmel Marathon is the second largest marathon in Indiana and the largest running event in the city of Carmel. The event offers a fast course (certified Boston Qualifier) through the popular Indianapolis suburb of Carmel, Indiana. To learn more, please visit [CarmelMarathon.com](http://CarmelMarathon.com).

to artist, Bud Colucci. Colucci was the designer of Coxhall's Campbell Crossing Bridge, dedicated in memory of the late Bob Campbell. His wife, Judith Campbell, collaborated with Colucci and HCPR in its design which includes the Circle of Life sculpture, the iron figures gates and the stained glass compass rose. Colucci was joined by his family as he accepted a commemorative photo of Campbell Crossing, presented by HCPR Director,

Chris Stice. "The bridge, designed to celebrate life and provide a beautiful setting for quiet reflection, reminds us to appreciate nature's gifts every day," stated Judi Campbell, a founding member of FHCPI and current HCPR board member.

The Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc. (FHCPI) is a nonprofit foundation created for the purpose of bettering parks and recreation in Hamilton County and its communities.

## Artists Bud Colucci and Robert Anderson Visit Coxhall Garden

The first day of spring marks another historical page in the ever evolving story of Coxhall Gardens. Representatives from Friends of Hamilton County Parks, Inc. (FHCPI), Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR), FHCPI affiliate - Coxhall Guild and Hamilton County Master Gardeners gathered for the installation of yet another work of art added to Coxhall's stately grounds. Artist, Robert C. Anderson came to install his Atomic

Garden Kaleidoscope as part of the Children's Garden features. His visit was much awaited by many, including Marsha Guerriero, Coxhall Master Gardener, who saw Anderson's work when visiting Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus, Ohio. "The Kaleidoscope is an interactive work of art that is focused around living plants. We hope it will delight children of all ages!" stated Guerriero.

The celebration continued as guests then paid tribute

## School Lessons



**RIX QUINN**  
Quinn Summary

At lunch a few weeks ago an old friend asked, "What lessons did you learn from your school years?"

Well, here are five that stuck to me like glue. What lessons did you learn?

1. Bells rule our life. The last high school bell, for instance, alerts us that we need to prepare for a career. Every year when the birthday bell rings, we're reminded that time moves faster than a cheetah on a treadmill.

2. Don't eat off your friend's plate until he

tells you it's OK. In elementary school, I supplemented many lunches with somebody else's dinner rolls.

3. Getting picked first on another student's team means that the person recognizes your skill. Getting picked last means you should explore some of your other gifts.

4. Everyone can contribute. The tallest guy may be your basketball star. The smartest girl might be the school's spelling champion. (My special gift: Teachers could point to me as a bad example.)

5. Never throw food. That's true in the elementary lunchroom, or at the senior prom.

I learned in middle school that it's hard to sling mashed potatoes much further than a couple of feet. Also, teachers do not appreciate gravy on their shirts.

- Got a question to ask Rix? E-mail him at [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com).

### Obituary deadline

The Times publishes obituaries daily at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com), and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays. All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-resolution JPEG.

Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following day's print publication.

To read more obituaries, visit [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



# Faith Under Fire: Spring Play Starring Sam Acosta from Noblesville Debuts March 31



Sam Acosta

Cedarville University theatre's spring production of "The Beams are Creaking" will run from March 31-April 2 and April 7-10. Tickets are available online or by visiting the university information desk in the Stevens Student Center. The show is recommended for those over 12 years

of age. The show's lead roles will be played by Josiah Kareck, senior from Antioch, Tennessee, as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Sam Acosta, junior from Noblesville, Indiana, as Corporal Knobloch, along with a supporting cast who portray friends, family and co-conspirators.

"It's a story about being ready to not only live your faith, but to have faith genuine and strong enough that you are prepared to die for it," said Dr. Diane Merchant, director and professor of theatre. "More than simply a story of historical importance, the play communicates the ethical, spiritual and core value of living one's faith even in the face of extreme danger."

The plot follows the life of the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German opposed to Nazi ideologies who participated in an assassination attempt of Adolf Hitler, infamous German dictator.

The production will be held in the university's black box theatre, which promotes a theme of "suggested realism" with black-colored surroundings and with limited audience seating up close on stage with the cast.

"Suggested realism forces the audience to picture things in their imagination," Merchant noted. "The focus is on actors and the intensity of the emotions of the characters and subtlety of their interactions with each other, allowing for a creative approach

to delivering intense emotions in the hearts of our audience."

"The Beams are Creaking" is an apt choice for a world burdened by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, reminding its viewers that love and faith can be found in the midst of severe difficulties and persecution.

Go to <https://cedarilletickets.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?SeriesID=5> to purchase tickets.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, including the Bachelor of Arts in theatre, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit [cedarville.edu](http://cedarville.edu).

## Deer Creek FWA Shooting Range Operations to Be Run By Concessionaire

Beginning April 6, the Deer Creek Shooting Range at Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) will be run by Pro-Tac Resources LLC.

The shooting range's hours of operation will remain the same, Wed. through Sun., 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Like other shooting ranges operated by concessionaires at DNR

properties, user fees will be \$7/hour per lane for the first person and \$5/hour for each additional person, up to four total people. Additional information can be found at [on.IN.gov/dnrshootingranges](http://on.IN.gov/dnrshootingranges).

For questions, call Deer Creek FWA at 765-653-0453, or email Pro-Tac Resources at [dustin@pro-tacresources.com](mailto:dustin@pro-tacresources.com).

## Spirit Airlines Launches New Nonstop from Indy to Newark

The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has another new, nonstop flight to boast about, as Spirit Airlines announces it will offer its first-ever flight from Indianapolis to Newark/New York City metro area beginning June 22.

The nonstop flight to Newark (EWR) will leave out of Indy once daily and operate year-round.

"Newark is a convenient gateway into New Jersey and New York City for travelers, and Spirit's new nonstop flight will provide the first ultra-low-cost option into that market from Indy," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority.

Newark airport combines with La Guardia and John F. Kennedy airports in the New York City metropolitan area to make up the largest airport system in the United States. The New York/Newark area is a major destination, well known for tourist attractions along with art, music, shopping, sports, history, and other sightseeing.

The new Spirit nonstop flight also provides a great opportunity for Hoosiers who have moved to the NYC/Newark area to return home and visit Indy family, enjoy sporting events like college playoff games, the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, the Brickyard, and other fun activities at an ultra-low-cost price.

Spirit Airlines also offers flights from Indianapolis into Ft. Lauderdale (FLL), Las Vegas (LAS), Orlando (MCO), Pensacola (PNS), Ft. Myers (RSW), and Tampa (TPA). This May, Spirit will also resume their nonstop flight from Indy

to Myrtle Beach (MYR), a route last served by the airline in 2019.

"Residents of the Circle City have embraced Spirit's high value low fare service proposition," said John Kirby, vice president of Network planning at Spirit Airlines. "We are excited to add another popular destination to our growing Indianapolis portfolio of service."

To book a flight to Newark on Spirit Airlines, visit [spirit.com](http://spirit.com)

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana – without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 10,000 people work at the airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. In 2021, IND served more than 7.1 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility. For more information, visit [IND.com](http://IND.com).

## Community Development Block Grants Now Open for Applications

Today, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced the first round of Community Development Block Grants for 2022 is now open for applications.

The following programs are currently accepting applications:

- Public Facilities Program (for all activities except historic preservation);
- Blight Clearance Program;
- Stormwater Improvements; and
- Wastewater/Drinking Water.

No changes to the Construction Grant program are anticipated for 2022 Round 1, as OCRA continues to

collect and evaluate stakeholder feedback on the program. All existing policies and requirements will remain in effect unless otherwise notified by OCRA.

Application instructions can be found at [in.gov/ocra/cdbg](http://in.gov/ocra/cdbg).

2022 Round 1 proposals must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Fri., April 29, 2022 via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. However, OCRA encourages communities to submit proposals before 4 p.m. ET as there will be no technical support available after that time.

2022 Round 1 applications must be

submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Fri., July 1, 2022 via the Indiana Electronic Grants Management System. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications prior to 4 p.m. ET on July 1, 2022, as technical assistance will not be available after that time.

For further information on these programs, contact the assigned OCRA regional community liaison.

Funding for all CDBG programs comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is administered by OCRA. The state of Indiana distributes CDBG funds to rural communities to assist units of local

government with various community projects like: improving infrastructure, downtown revitalization, public facilities improvements and economic development.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as the Secretary of Rural Development, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) mission is to work with local, state and national partners to provide resources and technical assistance to assist communities in shaping and achieving their vision for community and economic development. For more information, visit [ocra.in.gov](http://ocra.in.gov).

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# Foreign Investors Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Traci J. Merida in Tipton/Hamilton County reminds foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their land holdings and transactions to USDA.

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires foreign investors who buy, sell or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings and transactions to the USDA. Foreign investors must file AFIDA Report Form FSA-153 with the FSA county office in county where the

land is located.

According to the CFR Title 7 Part 781, any foreign person who holds an interest in U.S. agricultural land is required to report their holdings no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

"Failure to file a report or filing a late or inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Merida.

Foreign investors should report holdings of agricultural land totaling 10 acres or more used for farming, ranching or timber production, including leaseholds of 10 years. AFIDA reports are also required when there are

changes in land use, such as agricultural to nonagricultural use. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership.

The information from the AFIDA reports is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress on the effect of foreign land holdings on family farms and rural communities in the United States.

Assistance in completing the FSA-153 report may be obtained from the local county FSA office. For more information regarding AFIDA or FSA programs, contact the Tipton/Hamilton County FSA office at 765-675-2316 or visit farmers.gov

# Rokita Takes on Delaware's Efforts to Impose Nationwide Global Warming Ideologies



**Todd Rokita**

Leading a 17-state coalition, Attorney General Todd Rokita is defending Hoosiers against an attempt by Delaware to use its own state courts to impose climate change policy on Indiana and the rest of the nation.

Citing common-law public nuisance claims,

Delaware is seeking to sue numerous fossil-fuel companies on the premise that the companies' activities have contributed to global climate change.

"It is unreasonable that a single state would try to dictate its leftist ideologies for the rest of the country and Hoosiers won't stand for it," Attorney General Rokita said. "We should have our common sense say on nationally consequential endeavors such as striking a productive, achievable, and effective balance between economic stability and environmental protection. Using public-nuisance laws to punish fossil-fuel companies is not the correct approach and smacks of leftists who want to curtail the liberty of people by driving up costs

of fuel while reducing their choices for various types of fuel."

Attorney General Rokita also has led multistate coalitions against similar efforts by several U.S. cities to use their own state courts to exclude other states from the climate-change policymaking process. Those cities include Hoboken, in New Jersey, and the cities of San Francisco and Oakland in California.

"Hoosiers and all Americans are best served when we continue to follow the cooperative federalism model that our country has long used to address environmental problems," Attorney General Rokita said. "No state has the rightful authority to commandeer the process."

# BBB Scam Alert: A Wrong Number Can Lead To A Bad Romance Scam

Better Business Bureau Serving Central Indiana (BBB®) is advising area residents to be wary of unsolicited text messages appearing to come from wrong numbers.

How the Scam works

You receive a text message out of the blue from an unknown number, often with a photo of an attractive female attempting to elicit a response from you. These communication attempts often appear to be from a young woman trying to text a friend. They may be a premise to a more sinister "romance scam" attempt, or a way for con artists to simply collect working cell phone numbers for future scam attempts.

A Fishers, Indiana consumer reported receiving a text message stating, "It's been a while since you messaged, do you want me yet?" and sent a photo of a woman. The consumer immediately blocked the number and reported the attempt to BBB Serving Central Indiana via Scamtracker.org.

al information through methods such as cold calls, text messages or emails. Also remember, any photo uploaded on social media can be stolen and used by a scammer.

Better Business Bureau recommends individuals who have been scammed via a text message to report the incident immediately to Scamtracker.org, law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission.

For additional romance scam resources visit BBB.org/romance. Additionally, victims can report scams, regardless of whether they have lost money, to ScamTracker.org. These reports can help others avoid falling victim to fraud.

If you've been the victim of this or a similar scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. Your report can help educate other consumers by raising awareness of scammers' tactics.

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The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

# Young, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Expand Child Care Options for Families

Yesterday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) introduced the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act of 2022, legislation to build on Congress' 30-year record of bipartisan work to support and enhance child care programs across the nation.

This legislation, which serves as an alternative approach to the child care proposals Democrats pushed in their bill, would improve affordability of child care programs and allow parents to choose the provider that best fits their family's needs. The CCDBG Reauthorization Act also includes key elements of Senator Young's Early Educators Apprenticeship Act which addresses child care workforce pipeline issues by supporting apprenticeships.

"Hoosier families are counting on us to correct the Democrats' proposed government takeover of child care and preschool that parents don't want and can't afford. We intro-

duced this bill to allow parents maximum choice in child care and preschool providers to best suit their families. I'm also encouraged that this bill will create stronger support for child care teachers to attain post-secondary degrees and credentials, a major feature of my Early Educators Apprenticeship Act," said Senator Young.

"The Democrats' child care proposals would take a wrecking ball to our child care system and replace it with a one-size-fits-all approach that limits families' options," said Senator Scott. "I believe there is a better way. This bill improves upon a program that has already helped families afford a variety of options to care for the most important people in their lives: their kids."

"Working parents need affordable, reliable, and safe child care that best fits their family's needs," said Senator Burr. "Throughout the pandemic, as public schools closed, child care providers across the nation remained open, thanks in large part to the

architecture and flexibility of the CCDBG program. As many states now face a shortage of affordable child care, the last thing Congress should do is force through unpopular, partisan proposals that many states will reject and that will leave millions of children uncovered. Instead, we should build on existing, bipartisan, and successful programs, like CCDBG. I'm proud to work with Senator Scott on this important legislation."

Cosponsoring the bill along with Senators Young, Scott, and Burr, were Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska).

Rather than create two new child care and preschool entitlement programs, as the Democrats proposed, the CCDBG Reauthorization Act of 2022 makes responsible enhancements to the historically bipartisan CCD-BG program, which has

assisted working families with their child care and preschool needs for the last 30 years. Specifically, the reauthorization:

- Increases family eligibility for CCDBG;
- Ensures an eligible family making less than 75 percent State Median Income (SMI) pays no child care copay and that no eligible family has a copay greater than 7 percent of family income;
- Improves reimbursement rates for child care providers so they can recruit and retain qualified staff;
- Supports the education and professional development of child care staff;
- Expands the supply and capacity of child care providers so working parents have multiple quality child care options to best suit their family's needs; and
- Removes unnecessary regulations that restrict home-based child care providers in rural areas.

Read full text of the bill at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/KIN22074.pdf>.

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# Study Finds 1 in 3 Hoosiers Think There Should Be ‘Zero Tolerance’ Law on Drinking and Driving

The NHTSA reports that across the United States, nearly 30 people are killed each day in drunk-driving accidents, which equates to roughly one preventable death every 50 minutes due to irresponsible driving. Despite the legal consequences of drunk driving, it appears that so long as alcohol is legal and people drive cars, there will be incidents that involve intoxicated road use – with some, unfortunately, resulting in fatalities. The federal limit to legally operate a vehicle in the US is a 0.08% blood alcohol content, however in 2018, Utah implemented the strictest blood-alcohol driving limits in the country dropping from 0.08% to just 0.05% blood or breath alcohol concentration.

DesertHopeTreatment.com conducted a survey of 3,445 people to determine how they feel about implementing a statewide 0% drinking and driving tolerance policy, and found that over 1 in 3 (34%) Hoosiers support the idea - this compares to a national average of 33%. On a national level, women are far more

supportive of this idea with 40% agreeing compared to 28% of men.

Any amount of alcohol in the system reduces the skills necessary for safe driving, including impaired judgment, vision, color distinction and reaction time. With Utah’s 0.05% BAC limit, the NHTSA compared data from the last full year before the legislation was passed and the first year in which the lower legal limit was in place. This comparison showed that Utah had a reduced traffic fatality rate by 18.3% and there were 19.8% fewer fatal accidents in 2019 even though drivers logged more driving miles.

The survey also discovered that a significant portion of respondents do not believe drunk driving penalties are harsh enough with 66% agreeing that this is the case. And, reassuringly, 3 in 4 said they would report a friend or family who decided to drive drunk.

Worryingly, it was found that more than 1 in 4 (28%) respondents believe it’s worse to use a cell phone while driving than it is to drive while under the influence.

Distracted driving in any way, shape or form poses a direct risk to the driver their passengers, as well as other vehicles and pedestrians on the road; in 2019, more than 3,100 lost their lives. Using a phone detracts the driver’s attention away from the road much in the same way, intoxicated driving affects the driver’s mental state. In both circumstances, the driver loses the effectively focus on the road. Another concerning find from the survey revealed that 33% of respondents said they weren’t aware of the 0.08% BAC figure to legally drive a car.

The data also uncovered that nearly 1 in 4 (24%) drinkers admit they would still drive first thing in the morning after a big night of drinking. Although the legal limit is 0.08% in most states, this volume of alcohol still has the ability to impair a person’s driving ability when it comes to factors like short term memory loss, reduced information processing capability and impaired perception. In fact, in 2018, there were 1,878 people killed in alcohol-related car acci-

dents in which drivers had BACs under the legal limit.

There is no definitive answer on how long it takes for a person to metabolize alcohol and reach a state of total sobriety, and driving after a night of drinking is highly discouraged. It is imperative to remember that driving with a BAC at any level presents a serious risk to yourself and every other person on the road. Getting behind the wheel at any level of intoxication should not happen and is something that can be avoided via a number of available alternatives. It is wise to make plans regarding transportation prior to a night of drinking or have some other plan in place that would prevent anyone who is intoxicated from operating a vehicle.

Excessive drinking causes a host of other issues besides eliminating a person’s ability to drive safely. If drinking in this manner is a common occurrence, it may be time to re-evaluate your relationship with alcohol or seek the help of a qualified addiction professional.

# 10 Doctor-Recommended Ways To Improve Your Overall Health

(StatePoint) While investing in your health and wellness can sound like an overwhelming goal, doctors say that there are easy, tangible steps you can take to feel your best and better protect your health.

“It is always the right time to consider your personal goals, and how you can make positive health choices,” says American Medical Association (AMA) president, Gerald E. Harmon, M.D. “Small lifestyle changes today can have a lasting effect in improving your health.”

Not sure where to start? Consider these tips from the AMA:

1. Make sure your family is up-to-date on their vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine for everyone age six months or older and the COVID-19 vaccine for everyone age five and older. Anyone with questions about the COVID-19 vaccines should speak with their physician and review trusted resources, including [getvaccinesanswers.org](https://www.getvaccinesanswers.org).
2. Learn your risk for type 2 diabetes by taking a simple online 2-minute self-screening test at [DoIHavePrediabetes.org](https://www.doi.gov/medicaid/medicaid-eligibility). Steps you take now can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.
3. Be more physically active. Adults should do at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.
4. Know your blood pressure numbers. Take the time to visit [ManageYourBP.org](https://www.manageyourbp.org) to better understand your numbers and take necessary steps to get high blood pressure -- also known as hypertension -- under

control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.

5. Reduce your intake of processed foods, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and drink more water instead.
6. If your health care professional determines that you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and antibiotics will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.
7. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans -- up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.
8. Talk with your doctor about tobacco and nicotine use and quit. Declare your home and car smoke-free to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.
9. If you are taking prescription opioids, follow your doctor’s instructions, store them safely to prevent diversion or misuse, and properly dispose of any leftover medication.
10. Manage stress. A good diet and daily exercise are key ingredients to maintaining and improving your mental health, but don’t hesitate to ask for help from a friend or mental health professional when you need it.

More health resources and tips can be found my visiting [ama-assn.org](https://www.ama-assn.org).

For a happy, healthy future, consider making these 10 doctor-recommended tips for improved wellness.

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simply been overwhelming – and more than a little humbling – as to how many of you have reached out, and continue to do so. I appreciate you reading the babblings of a newspaper vagabond more than I can possibly say.

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AS YOU probably guessed, the recovery comes with instructions not to drive. I didn’t think much about that until I found myself being chauffeured everywhere we go. I got to figuring and I think this is the longest stretch of not driving for me since I started back in 1972. Funny how little things

like that make a difference. It also made me think of parents and in-laws who lost their own abilities to drive. Puts everything in a whole different perspective.

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ONE OF the fun parts of this has been the grandpups. As some of you know, we have seven (soon to be eight), six of them boys and all under the age of 11. Just below my “zipper” scar on my chest are three horizontal holes from where the drainage tubes were. I may have hinted to the little ones that Grandpa got shot by a machine gun and for a quarter they could see

the holes. My wife and daughters just shake their heads.

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GOOD GOSH, is there anything of quality on TV anymore? If so, I haven’t found it and I’ve been looking. A lot!

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CHECK THAT. The Chosen is a series that is pretty outstanding. Come and see.

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WHILE WHAT is happening in Ukraine is awful, it’s been nice to see young people around the U.S. showing their support for President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. We haven’t seen a big show of patriotism out of

them before, so perhaps this is a step in the right direction. It’s also good that they are seeing the Soviet Bear in the same light many of us long have.

Peace is a precious commodity and keeping it, as is so dramatically evident, requires strength and vigilance. Let’s hope that our society keeps that in mind.

- Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at [timmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:timmons@thepaper24-7.com)

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world.”

Marshall-Fisher said, “After doing more research on my character ... I found that he plays the guitar and sings, and after finally seeing the movie, knowing that the icon Sidney Poitier

won an Oscar (the first African-American male to win an Oscar) playing the same character, Homer Smith, in the movie version, I knew that I had huge shoes to fill in order to live up to his iconic performance.”

I attended a performance of the play last Saturday afternoon and found Marshall-Fisher’s appearance quite enjoyable. My high school sophomore daughter reviewed the play for theater class thespian points. She praised the actor for his “great projection throughout the production and incredible facial expressions.”

Thinking back to Poitier’s death at the beginning of Belfry rehearsals in January, Marshall-Fisher said, “I knew that I was going to use every fiber of my being to do his role justice, and make him proud up there

in heaven. Now, I’m not a singer nor am I a guitar player, so after landing the role, I found it challenging trying to learn how to play the guitar in a few weeks.”

He said, “As for the singing, I do that best when I’m in the shower, so knowing ahead of time that I’d be singing in front of a live crowd had me feeling a bit nervous, but after learning the lyrics and going through the song, I find that the singing scene is actually my favorite.” And he does seem quite comfortable singing on stage.

In 2020, Marshall-Fisher was cast in “A Raisin

in the Sun,” directed by Nancy Lafferty at Westfield Playhouse, playing the role of Walter Lee Younger, another Poitier role in a 1961 film of the same name. But three days before “A Raisin in the Sun” opened, the March 2020 show was postponed, then later canceled, due to the Covid pandemic.

He learned about the Belfry “Lilies” play after props mistress Susie Walden told him about the part. “I knew that I absolutely had to land this role,” Marshall-Fisher said. It’s his first role for The Belfry.

The Indiana State

University graduate has a college major in Theatre for Acting and a minor in Communications.

“Now, I must say that, in this role, I’m not trying to be the next Sidney Poitier but definitely the first DéJon LéTray,” he said. “Our rendition of ‘The Lilies of the Field’ is definitely different than what most people are probably expecting, but that’s the joy of it. We’ve crafted a beautiful show, and I can’t wait ‘til to show everyone exactly what we’ve done with this amazing play.”

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Did You Know?

- Greene County was founded in 1821 and named for Nathanael Greene.
- Bloomfield, the county seat, has a total population of 2,405 residents.
- The largest city in the county, Linton has the motto “You’ll like Linton.”
- Bloomfield has one of the best preserved covered bridges in the state, the Richland-Plummer Creek Covered Bridge, which was built in 1883.
- The county is 545.92 square miles and has a population of 33,165 residents.

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## Historic Farms Sought For Rural Preservation Award

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau welcome nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana. Since it was established in 1992, owners of more than 30 historic farms all over the state have been honored with the award.

Anyone, including farm owners, can submit a nomination for the Arnold Award, which will be presented during

the Celebration of Agriculture at the Indiana State Fair in August. The nomination is simple and asks for:

- a brief history of the farm and description of its significant historic structures and features, such as the farmhouse, barns, agricultural out-buildings, and landscape elements.
- a description of how the farm's historic agricultural structures are used in day-to-day farming operations, and how they have been preserved or adapted.

• high-res digital photographs of the farm and its preserved historic features. Historic images are also welcome.

The award winner receives an attractive outdoor marker and feature coverage in Indiana Preservation magazine.

Indiana Landmarks named the award in memory of John Arnold (1955-1991), a Rush County farmer who successfully combined progressive agricultural practices with a deep respect for the natural and historic features of the

rural landscape. The John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation honors those who share a similar commitment to preserving the landmarks and landscape of rural Indiana.

Submit nominations for the Arnold Award for Rural Preservation online at [www.indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation](http://www.indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation), or contact Tommy Kleckner at Indiana Landmarks, 812-232-4534, [tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org](mailto:tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org). Deadline for nominations is May 13, 2022.

## Indiana American Water Helps Educate Homeowners

Indiana American Water is leveraging the nationwide awareness campaign taking place during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Fix a Leak Week to advance local water conservation goals as well as provide a savings to homeowners, property owners and businesses in the communities it serves. The annual Fix a Leak Week (March 14-22, 2022) is a national campaign led by the EPA each year that helps raise awareness about leaks and other water issues that contribute to water waste within homes.

"As part of American Water's commitment to help better serve customers, we utilize Fix a Leak Week to help people understand where and how to spot common problematic leaks to improve home safety and support water efficiency and conservation," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine.

According to the EPA, the average U.S. residence loses 10,000 gallons of water per year thanks to seemingly minor leaks. With more than 110 million households in the U.S., this equates to more than one trillion gallons of water lost every year due to leaks in the home. Moreover, it is estimated that the average homeowner can reduce his or her water bills by 10 percent simply by addressing leaks.

"Many people may not realize that even the smallest leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year," said Prine. "A leak of just one drip per second from a faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. Fortunately, most common leaks are easily detectable and correctable."

Indiana American Water is committed to fixing leaks by replacing or upgrading water infrastructure to provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water to customers, investing more than \$250 million in infrastructure improvements across the state over the past two years.

Indiana American Water also offers these starter

tips for detecting leaks:

- Watch the water meter and your water bill. If you notice a spike, it might be because of a leak
- Test your meter. If you suspect you may have a leak, turn all water appliances off, then go check your meter. If it's still changing, you might have a leak
- Test your toilet. Leaks can occur in your toilet. Test for one by putting a drop of food coloring into the toilet tank. After 10 minutes, if any color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak
- Listen. One of the simplest ways to watch out for leaks is to listen for dripping from your faucets or showerheads and running water from your toilet

To further assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Indiana American Water has also produced a helpful infographic including tips on finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A downloadable leak detection kit is also available through Indiana American Water's website, [www.indianaamwater.com](http://www.indianaamwater.com).

About Indiana American Water  
Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE:AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE:AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit [amwater.com](http://amwater.com) and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

## Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD Now Accepting Applications For The Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) today announced the state's mortgage assistance program, the Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF). The portal is accepting applications for mortgage assistance for Hoosiers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the U.S. Department of Treasury awarded Indiana with \$167,921,663 to be used for assistance with the mortgage payments, property taxes, homeowners insurance and homeowner/condominium fees of eligible Hoosiers.

"The Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF) is designed to promote housing stability and prevent foreclosures across the Hoosier state," Crouch said. "We are pleased to work with our network of program partners and participating lenders to provide this assistance."

Applications are being accepting through 877geth-

ope.org. Accommodations can be made for homeowners who would prefer non-electronic applications or who would prefer assistance in completing their online application by calling 877-GET-HOPE.

To qualify for IHAF, as determined by the U.S. Treasury, at the time of application you must:

- Be a homeowner who is defined as the owner-occupant of a single-family home, condominium, 2-, 3-, or 4-family dwelling or manufactured homes permanently affixed to real property. The home must be located in Indiana and be the homeowner's primary residence
- Have an income equal to or less than 150% of Area Median Income, adjusted for household size or 100% of the National Median Income, whichever is greater
- Have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020, associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

The maximum per household IHAF assis-

tance amount is capped at \$35,000 and is limited to one time per household. This assistance is paid directly to the mortgage lender and is not considered taxable income.

"IHCD remains committed to allocating funds from the federal government to Hoosiers in need," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCD. "Housing stability continues to be one of our top priorities as we recover from the pandemic. We look forward to administering this mortgage assistance Hoosiers across the state."

The following documents may be required in the application:

- Income documents:
  - Acceptable income documents may include paystubs or other wage statements, depository institution (or bank) statements demonstrating regular income, or a statement of income from an employer
  - IRS Form 1099s and tax filings (for self-employed applicants only)

- Social security, child support, unemployment, and other income statements as applicable

- Mortgage statements or other mortgage documents
- Property tax statements from your city, town or county
- Homeowner's Insurance statements
- Homeowner or Condo Association fee statements

In addition to the IHAF program, IHCD has additional resources for Hoosiers in need of assistance:

Rental Assistance – The Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides up to 18 months of rental and utility assistance to those who self-attest to having been impacted by COVID-19.

Utility Assistance – The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps Hoosier homeowners and renters pay their heat, electric and water bills: [eap.ihcda.in.gov](http://eap.ihcda.in.gov).

## The Indiana Region Of The American Red Cross Prepares For Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Although severe weather can happen at any moment, communities can prepare for it. Indiana Severe Weather Preparedness Week started on Monday, and the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross wants to remind residents to be prepared for the upcoming severe weather season by developing a severe weather plan.

"It is important to plan, practice and prepare for severe weather," said Leslie Montgomery, regional disaster officer for the American Red Cross – Indiana Region. "Preparation keeps everyone safe when severe weather strikes."

Here are tips to plan and prepare for severe weather:

- Prepare an emergency kit. Items that should be in the kit can be found at <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2019/national-preparedness-month-how-to-build-your-emergency-kit.html>
- Develop a communications plan with family and friends
- Have a way to receive emergency alerts. Download the Red Cross Emergency app
- Know the difference between a watch and a warning. Details on watches and warnings are at [\[chat.org/2014/04/28/know-the-difference-warnings-and-watches/\]\(http://chat.org/2014/04/28/know-the-difference-warnings-and-watches/\)](https://redcross-</a></li>
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- Make an emergency plan. Learn how to make a plan at <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html>

Volunteers Needed to Respond to Local Disasters

The Red Cross stands ready to respond to disasters that might displace families. Local Red Cross volunteers provide emotional support, emergency financial assistance and recovery help to guide them through their next steps. To learn more about becoming a

Disaster Action Team volunteer, visit [redcross.org/dat](http://redcross.org/dat).

About the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross: The Indiana Region serves 104 counties across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois through its six-chapter areas: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Greater Indianapolis (Regional Headquarters). For more information on the Indiana Region: [www.redcross.org/indiana](http://www.redcross.org/indiana). Follow the Indiana Region on Twitter at: @INRedCross, on Instagram at: @indianaredcross or [www.facebook.com/INRedCross](http://www.facebook.com/INRedCross).

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