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High: 38 °F  
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Wacky Holiday Today  
• Purple Day  
• Brothers' & Sisters' day  
• Solitude Day

What Happened  
On This Day  
• 1975 The Biological Weapons Convention comes into effect  
• 1979 The Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty is signed  
• 2000 Vladimir Putin is elected President of Russia

Births On This Day  
• 1874 Robert Frost American poet, playwright  
• 1944 Diana Ross American singer, actress

Deaths On This Day  
• 1892 Walt Whitman American poet, author  
• 1827 Ludwig van Beethoven German pianist, composer

742 Comments from  
2,500 Respondents  
Voice Qualities Desired  
in Superintendent



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

I just read the results released for the Noblesville Schools superintendent survey. And I was pretty much spotted with other surveyed participants in what they wanted in a new superintendent after Dr. Beth Niedermeyer retires at the end of this school year. Niedermeyer has been superintendent of the district for eight years, since 2014.

About 2,500 people gave their input, including Noblesville

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## Author Speaks at Sheridan Public Library

Donna Cronk spoke at the Sheridan Public Library about her featured book, "There's a Clydesdale in the Attic: Reflections on Keeping and Letting Go." Cronk presented some of those treasures found in her attic during the 2020 quarantine. The event was a success and gave inspiration to those with similar stories. Attendees were

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## TODAY'S VERSE

Acts 2:38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.



## FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Linnéa Leatherman smile? "The joy I have in my relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Even when I am in the midst of despair, there is still hope and joy," said the Westfield resident, who is directing The Belfry Theatre's current play, "The Lilies of the Field," on stage at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. This is her debut as a community theater director but she brings lots of experience directing professional theater, with mostly large-scale musical productions, such as "Peter Pan," "Guys and Dolls," "The Sound of Music," "Annie," "Annie Warbucks," "Little Women," "My Fair Lady," "State Fair" and "Oklahoma!" Leatherman grew up in Portage, Ind., and started her acting career at the elaborate Gary Music Theatre and the Valparaiso Opera House, and with Ross Summer Music Theatre in Merrillville. She also did theater while living in Boston during the late 1970s. She met her husband, Duane, at the Repertory Theatre at CTS in 1987 in the direction of "Camelot," and have been performing together and separately ever since. She was asked to go out to Myers Dinner Theatre in Hillsboro to work as a professional actress in 2005, and then was asked to direct in 2006, which began her career of directing in musical productions. She was there for 13 years. While she was at Myers, Leatherman was constantly performing in a show while rehearsing for the next show, playing many leading roles, giving her "a resume that many would envy." Directing even larger numbers of cast members came with Christian Youth Theater's productions of "Peter Pan: A New Musical," "Mary Poppins" and "Tarzan," all at Westfield High School auditorium with more than 70 children, ages 7-19, in the casts. She and Duane enjoyed living together on campus at Butler University for 30 years, as "Faculty in Residence." (Duane is still teaching full time and involved in the faculty-in-residence program, at 75, having been at Butler since 1983.) She was known as "the mother of all Butler students" for years. "We have a great number of people who we call our 'Butler kids,' and now have many 'Butler grandchildren.' We have even sung at several Butler weddings and have an annual Butler ski trip ... and enjoy our 'Butler family.'"

## And Another Thing...

**What:** Noblesville Public Schools' Young Artists exhibit featuring artwork from Noblesville Schools' seven elementary schools.  
**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/>

## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty - Do Immigrants Get Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I am 90 and a long time Social Security recipient - I signed up at age 62, which I now know was not wise, but I digress. We see from various sources that immigrants, legal and illegal, get Social Security benefits merely by attained age, regardless of contributions. Is that true? Signed: Curious Nonagenarian

Dear Curious: Rest assured that illegal immigrants (or "illegal aliens," "undocumented workers" or whatever one chooses to call them) are not entitled to collect Social Security benefits. It is, however, possible for legal immigrants to collect Social Security benefits if they have individually earned the right to do so, including those who are the legally-present dependent (spouse or child) of someone who is collecting Social Security benefits. By "legal immigrant" I mean those who have immigrated to the United

**Social Security Matters**  
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States and have applied for and received either a Permanent Resident Card ("green card") or who have subsequently acquired U.S. citizenship. It's also possible to obtain an "Employment Authorization Document" which grants a foreign citizen temporary authority to work in the U.S., mainly used by citizens of other countries who work in the U.S. (typically those working for an international corporation which has a U.S. presence). In all cases, however, only legal residents who work, earn, and contribute sufficiently to Social Security from their earnings,

or who are a legal dependent of someone who is collecting Social Security, can receive Social Security benefits.

The criteria for Social Security eligibility are very strict and those without legal U.S. residency status are not eligible to collect benefits. Especially on today's social media outlets, we often see uninformed people espousing the belief that illegal immigrants enjoy access to Social Security benefits which is simply not true. That's not to say there are no instances of

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### Three Tips For Living A Heart-Healthy Lifestyle

(Family Features) Following a healthy diet, prioritizing exercise and limiting alcohol and tobacco intake can have a dramatic impact on your day-to-day life, especially if you have a heart condition such as atrial fibrillation (AFib).

AFib is an irregular heart rhythm that affects more than 6 million people in the United States and can increase the risk of stroke and heart failure. AFib symptoms include heart palpitations, fatigue, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing.

One of the most notable risk factors for AFib is high blood pressure. An unhealthy diet and unhealthy habits can be contributing factors to high blood pressure, so making adjustments to diet and daily routines can help manage symptoms and help you lead a healthier life.

Consider these three tips to help you start living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

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### Doctors Are Not Just Telling Patients To Eat Nutritional Meals, They're Giving Them Tasty, Healthful Recipes

by John Grimaldi

"You are what you eat" may not be as simple as it sounds. Health advocates are bound to offer that piece of advice no matter how old you are. Parents are apt to warn their kids that junk food is a definite no-no. And when you arrive at the point in your life known as "senior citizenship," your health care providers, to be sure, will continue to remind you that your diet is a critical element of your lifestyle as we age, according to Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

Says Weber, "Moms, dads and physicians have been telling us that ever since Anthelme Brillat-Savarin wrote his book in 1825, 'Physiology of Taste, or Meditations of Transcendent Gastronomy.' As he put it back then, Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are. But don't be put off; healthy eating does not mean you have to sacrifice your taste buds in favor of nutrition. The two need not be contradictory. In other words,

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## Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022

Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Paper's annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success.

Back when our company was founded, the staff at The Paper brought Montgomery County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead, it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how



you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands - so many in fact that we had to find a way to automate the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners,

### Want MORE?

Please turn to page A4 for the winners, runner ups, and honorable mentions in the **MEDICAL** category and page A5 for the **FOOD** category. Stay tuned for these categories: **SERVICE** and **ENTERTAINMENT** next week!

runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire year.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

## HONEST HOOSIER

Happy early 77th birthday to "Luke" Howard Kenley. The former senator from Noblesville was born March 28, 1945 in Fort Stockton, Texas.



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## TODAY'S QUOTE

"Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me... Anything can happen, child. Anything can be."

- Shel Silverstein

## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating quickly can triple your chance of becoming overweight - put the fork down between bites and allow your stomach to realize it's full.

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

Patricia "Pat" Fuller  
Frances J. Marcum  
Elizabeth Lou Sailor



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

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48 AFTERNOON SHOWERS	31/38 EARLY MORNING SHOWERS	26/41 BRIGHT AND CHILLY	24/45 PARTLY SUNNY	34/53 ON AND OFF CLOUDS	46/70 HEAVY RAIN WITH THUNDER	59/59 WINDY, FAIRLY CLOUDY
FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU



## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Patricia "Pat" Fuller

May 22, 1937 - March 25, 2022

Patricia "Pat" Fuller, 84, of Noblesville, left this earth to be reunited with her husband, Richard A. Fuller, on Fri., March 25, 2022 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born on May 22, 1937 to Charles and Mary (Shaul) Coverdale in Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. Fuller was a Noblesville High School graduate, Class of 1955. In her younger days, she spent most of her time roller dancing and skating at the Rainbow Roller Rink. She worked for many years at Ft. Benjamin Harrison's finance center where she met her future husband, Richard. Together, they raised two daughters, Lisa and Amy. The couple both learned the old world German art of Bavarian Wax. They would travel to craft shows selling their art. Pat also enjoyed puzzles, crochet, and playing Mahjong.

Survivors include her daughters Lisa Fuller-King (Don) and Amy Fuller; brother, Maurice Coverdale; grandson, Ryan King; 2 nieces & 1 nephew.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Richard Fuller.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., with services scheduled for 2:30 p.m., on Tue., March 29, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Mrs. Fuller was a 27-year breast cancer survivor at the time of her death. Donations would be appreciated to Susan G. Komen Central Indiana, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268 (www.komencentralindiana.org); or to the Indiana Donor Network, 3760 Guion Rd, Indianapolis, Ind. 46222 (www.indianadonor-network.org).

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

### Frances J. Marcum

July 17, 1935 - March 24, 2022

Frances J. Marcum, 86, of Noblesville, passed away on Thu., March 24, 2022 at her daughter's home in Highland.

She was born on July 17, 1935 to Frank and Evelyn (Asbury) Wild in Noblesville, Ind.

Mrs. Marcum graduated from Ball State University where she became active in the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Later as a working mom, she went on to gain her master's degree from Butler University. She started her teaching career as a business teacher for Lawrence Township Schools and then years later as a media specialist within the Elementary Schools of Noblesville. Mrs. Marcum was a member of the United Methodist Church. She truly enjoyed all that came with raising a family in the Noblesville community.

Survivors include her daughter, Kristi Kijurna; sons John Marcum and Tim Marcum; sister, Marge Barracough; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth E. Marcum; and her sister, Joan Wild.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., with services scheduled for 2:30 p.m., on Tue., March 29, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. The Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 (www.alz.org/indiana)

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

### Elizabeth Lou Sailor

Dec. 12, 1926 - March 23, 2022

Elizabeth Lou Sailor, 95, of Fishers formerly of Elkhart, Indiana, passed away on Wed., March 23, 2022 at Hamilton Trace of Fishers.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1926 in Middletown, Ohio.

Mrs. Sailor graduated from Manchester College with a degree in Elementary Education and was an elementary school teacher for 32 years at Elkhart Community Schools. She married Otis Sailor on Dec. 31, 1955. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sailor enjoyed reading and traveling with her husband to Branson, Mo. She was an outstanding cook and took great pride in every family dinner.

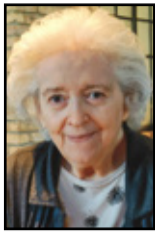
Survivors include her loving husband of 66 years, Otis Sailor; children Steven (Eileen) Sailor and Linda (Michael) Eagan; grandchildren Vincent (Annie Clark) Eagan, Adrienne Eagan, Evan Sailor and Lauren Sailor; and siblings Robert Gilley, Ada Hill and Bonnie Mowen Cole.

She was preceded in death by her father, Algan Gilley; mother, Mabel (Elkins) Gilley-Lehman; and brother, Marvin Gilley.

Services are scheduled to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sun., March 27, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers. Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Private burial will be at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument Street, Noblesville, Ind. 46060.

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



## Reader Want Girls, Children Protected

Dear Editor,  
Who's watching out for girls, women and young children?

What do people not understand about protections for girls, women and children? The LGBTQ community want to ruin lives for all of the above with the allowance of men and boys pretending to be female competing in women's and girls sports and no one has the nerve to push back on this insanity. I viewed the mockery expressed on Will Thomas's face after he was awarded first place in the women's 500 yard freestyle race.

Where are the naysayers? Why are the parents

not standing up and pushing back? Where are the coaches and anyone involved in sports not standing up for girls and women's sports?

As for protecting young children, Texas Governor Abbott signed a bill that will protect young children from manipulation into thinking they are another gender than what they were born, thus saving the unknowingly immature child from unnecessary surgeries such as: castration, surgery to remove male genitals, surgeries to remove the female reproductive system, plastic surgeries to construct artificial genitals, so-called "top sur-

gery" to remove female breasts, or any procedure that removes a "healthy or non-diseased body part or tissue" from children when not medically necessary." This is nauseating and child abuse.

Doctors have admitted that youth do not have a mature mind until the age of 24. Danelle Fisher, MD, chair of pediatrics at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, Calif., says that prolonging the age of adolescence is a good idea. "It's not like you get to 18 or 19 and the brain is done growing," she says. "Those in late adolescence are still prone to some of the things

that adolescents can get into trouble with, partly because their brain hasn't fully developed. They don't always make smart choices when it comes to their health and well-being."

How would a three to nine year old child make a choice to change their gender at such a young age? Their brains are even more underdeveloped at their age to make a decision that will critically affect their future lives. Only a manipulative adult would be in the picture on this event in a child's life.

Mari Briggs  
Sheridan

## Save the Date! Indiana Peony Festival Returns May 20-21

Following a successful inaugural event that drew more than 10,000 people in 2021, the Indiana Peony Festival returns to Seminary Park in Noblesville Saturday May 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's festival has expanded to include a VIPP (Very Important Peony Person) event, "Peonies in the Park" on Friday, May 20 from 7 - 9 p.m. as well as "Brunch and Blooms" during the day Saturday, May 21. More than 50 vendors are anticipated for this year's event and, thanks to the City of Noblesville police, fire and public safety, dedicated parking lots and a shuttle to-and-from the downtown Noblesville event will improve attendee's experience.

"Last year's event was such a wonderful success, we were committed to bringing it back this spring bigger and better than ever," said event chair Kelly McVey. "We are excited to add more sponsors as well as local restaurant and artist partners." Tickets as well as details about events, sponsors and vendors can be found at indianapeonyfestival.com.

The mission of the Indiana Peony Festival is to inspire Indiana residents to celebrate the state flower, to enhance Noblesville through peony beautification projects, and to promote Hamilton County as a desired visitor destination during May, when peonies are in bloom and Indianapolis 500 festivities occur.

## Westfield Police Officer Graduates FBI National Academy

On March 17, 2022, Lieutenant Eric Grimes of the Westfield Police Department graduated from the FBI National Academy, Class 281, in Quantico, Virginia. Lt. Grimes joined 232 police officers from the United States, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. The 10-week program focuses on executive leadership, law, forensic science, emerging technologies, critical incident leadership and fitness. Participation is by invitation only with less than 1 percent of law enforcement officers selected.

"I am grateful to have this opportunity to represent the Westfield Police

Department," Lieutenant Grimes said. "It is an honor to learn and train alongside the best law enforcement executives in the world."

The FBI National Academy is designed to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Lieutenant Grimes was hired by the Westfield Police Department in 2009 and currently serves in the Patrol Division. His wife Carolyn and their son Rowan are excited and grateful to have Eric back home.

## Doughmakers Kitchen Celebrates Mother's Day Factory Sale at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds

Way back in 1996, two sisters in Terre Haute took over part of their family garage to make custom heavy-duty aluminum cookie sheets. Their goal was to sell the cookie sheets to raise funds for their children's Cub Scout pack. Though there were a lot of cookie sheets already on the market, most were made from steel. Aluminum offers more even baking and the Doughmakers patented pebble design made the sheets non-stick. The Cub Scouts sold the cookie sheets and sales took off. The fundraiser was a huge success.

The cookie sheet sales were so successful that the sisters began getting inquiries and more orders

for their product. Soon after, they turned the project into a full-fledged business -- Doughmakers Gourmet Bakeware. The family expanded the cookie sheet business to include aluminum cake pans, bread pans, and pizza pans, all featuring their pebble design imprinted into the aluminum. The Doughmakers products were sold at state fairs and consumer home shows throughout the country. Later, chain stores and other retailers began carrying the gourmet bakeware. Sales continued to grow and the company moved into a new 50,000 square foot facility. But keeping up with the business's growth was a challenge. In 2007, the business was

acquired by Fox Run, a Pennsylvania kitchen equipment and accessories company.

For the past 26 years, Doughmakers full line of quality aluminum bakeware has delighted home cooks and earned the praise of professional bakers nationwide.

Now, under special arrangement with Fox Run, the original founders have returned as Doughmakers Kitchen to personally introduce their quality bakeware to a new generation of home bakers. Doughmakers Kitchen will present the full line of aluminum Doughmakers baking sheets and pans, along with an extensive line of helpful kitchen accessories at two big Indiana

shows in April.

From May 5-7, Doughmakers Kitchen will host a Mother's Day Factory Sale in the O.V. Winks Building at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana.

At the Mother's Day Factory Sale, Doughmakers Kitchen will offer bakers a special deal of "Buy 2 Pans, Get 1 Free" for the run of the Hamilton County show, as well as special discounts on all kitchen accessories. Sale hours: Weekdays: 10am - 7pm; Saturday, 9am - 6pm; Sunday, 10am-5pm.

More information is available on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/doughmakerskitchen.

## City of Fishers to Host National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony March 29

The City of Fishers, a proud Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, and the Fishers Armed Services Commission will celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day with a free public ceremony on Tuesday, March 29 at 10 a.m. The program will honor veterans and their families who served during the Vietnam War period and will include an address by guest speaker State Senator District 24 John

Crane and a Vietnam Veteran's lapel pin presentation.

The ceremony will be held outdoors at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. In the event of severe weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Fishers YMCA. The event will also be livestreamed on the Fishers Magazine Facebook page.

ADA parking is available in the City Hall parking lot, as well as the north Fire Depart-

ment lot. See the parking map.

The Fishers Armed Services Commission stands to further Fishers in becoming a community in which military service is honored and recognized as a key component to our community's vibrancy. The City of Fishers is proud to host several events to honor local service members throughout the year. Learn more at fishers.in.us/FishersHonors.

Who: Mayor Scott

Fadness, State Senator District 24 John Crane and Fishers Armed Services Commission honor local veterans who served during the Vietnam War period.

When: Tuesday, March 29 / 10 - 11 a.m.

Where: Nickel Plate District Amphitheater 6 Municipal Drive Fishers, Indiana 46038

In the event of severe weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Fishers YMCA (9012 E. 126th Street).

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**Meeting Notes**

**Sheridan Community Schools Board of School Trustees**

Date of Meeting: March 28, 2022  
 Meeting Date/Time: Mon., March 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Sheridan High School Library/Media Center  
 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, Ind. 46069  
 During the Hearing on the Amendment to the Lease, public input on whether the lease term contained in the Agreement is "fair and reasonable"

for the construction or improvements being made.

The Special Board meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting school corporation business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

- Agenda: Special Board Meeting
1. Quorum Determination
  2. Call to Order, Pledge
  3. Agenda Revisions
  4. Consent Agenda
    - Minutes of the March 14, 2022 Regular and Executive Session Meeting and Work Session on March 21,

5. Personnel, Mary Roberson
6. Hearing on Amendment to Lease
7. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Lease
8. Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation
9. Resolution Second Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking
10. Approve Bid from RL Turner for Base Bid and Alternates 3, 5 and 6 - Pending Financing
11. Next Meeting: Regular April Meeting, April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
12. Adjournment

**Hamilton County Tourism Seeks 'Hospitality Heroes' Nominations; Deadline to Share Nominee is April 14**

A new Hospitality Heroes program will celebrate local dedicated front-line professionals who deliver on Hamilton County's signature brand of hospitality. Hamilton County Tourism will recognize these outstanding 2022 Hospitality Heroes during National Travel & Tourism Week, May 1-7, and invites businesses, employees and members of the public to nominate hospitality professionals who went above and beyond last year with their service. "Hamilton County's

Hospitality Heroes are the dedicated frontline workers who demonstrated a commitment to service excellence across the spectrum of our travel and tourism industry, from lodging, attractions and events to restaurants and retail, sports and sustainability," said Hamilton County Tourism President/CEO Brenda Myers. Nominating a Hospitality Hero takes just a few minutes by filling out and submitting this online form: [https://bit.ly/22HospHeroes\\_Nominate](https://bit.ly/22HospHeroes_Nominate).

The deadline for nominations is 11:59 p.m. Thu., April 14. To submit questions or learn more about Hamilton County's Hospitality Heroes, contact Ashley by clicking here. Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than four million visitors to Hamilton County, Indiana, each year.

**Julie Camden and Corey Meridew Both Named to Indiana Super Lawyers 2022**

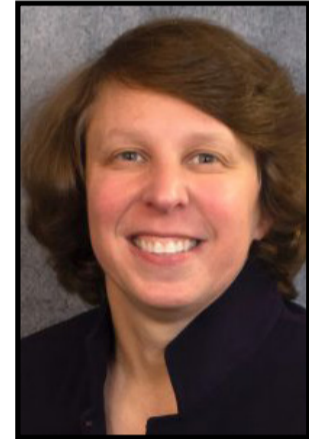


Camden & Meridew, P.C. is pleased to announce that firm partners Julie A. Camden and Corey R. Meridew have been selected as Indiana Super Lawyers 2022 honorees. Julie is recognized in the area of tax law in Indiana, while Corey is included in the company's annual Super Lawyers Rising Stars listing. Super Lawyers extends such honors annually to only 5 percent of the attorneys who are nominated and evaluated, with only 2.5 percent receiving the accolade of Rising Stars. As a founding

partner of Camden & Meridew, P.C., Julie A. Camden has earned the respect of colleagues and clients through her sophisticated knowledge of tax law, family law, bankruptcy and more. A licensed attorney in Indiana, Florida, and Michigan, Julie's valuable experience and knowledge of complex legal matters give clients the wise counsel to navigate today's complicated legal landscape. Indiana litigation attorney Corey R. Meridew provides sound counsel to clients in all



**Corey Meridew**  
 areas of business law, including construction disputes arbitration, debt collection, business formation, and more. Corey is also a founding partner of Camden & Meridew and provides legal guidance to business clients with enthusiasm and efficiency. Learn more about



**Julie Camden**  
 Julie, Corey, and the firm at camlawyers.com. Camden & Meridew, P.C. serves business and individual clients throughout Indiana in the areas of tax, family law, business, consumer protection, bankruptcy, and more from their office in Fishers, Indiana.

**River Heritage Park to Close Around March 28 for Planned Improvements**

On or after March 28, River Heritage Park will close to undergo planned improvements as part of Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's Reimagining Parks initiative. Through this initiative, CCPR is working to update and enhance existing parks to make them more accessible, safer, and available year-round. River Heritage Park has a legacy of inclusion. When the park was developed in the late '90s, it was one of the first wheelchair-accessible playgrounds in the state of Indiana. Park updates will continue CCPR's dedication to inclusive play. Improvements include wheelchair-accessible playground features, sensory-friendly interpretive signage,

ADA-accessible trails and boardwalks with overlooks on the White River, and more. The park is anticipated to reopen after construction is completed in winter 2022. Improvements to River Heritage Park are funded through the Clay Township Impact Program. Thanks to this program, Clay Township has helped renovate six parks in our community. These improvements will provide benefits for all Township residents, schools, and businesses, and make our community a better place to live, work and play. To learn more about all the parks being reimagined, visit [carmelclayparks.com/reimagining-parks](http://carmelclayparks.com/reimagining-parks).

**Thanks for reading The Times!**

**Salvation Army Indiana Division Sends Top Disaster Response Official to Eastern Europe**

The Salvation Army Indiana Division has sent its top Emergency Disaster Services official to Eastern Europe as part of the organization's large-scale response to the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Major Mike McKee, the Emergency Disaster Services Director for the state, has more than three decades of experience responding to crisis across the globe. Earlier this week he traveled to Romania, where he is now working with the local Salvation Army team to address the needs of Ukrainian refugees fleeing to the country. Major Mike McKee - Romania 1.pngThe Salvation Army has permanent facilities and services across Eastern Europe, which have played a key role in providing immediate aid to refugees. Led by The Salvation Army's Eastern Territory, the response to the crisis in Ukraine has been widespread. The organization is

currently aiding refugees fleeing to Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic, and other countries across the continent. Local responses include a variety of services, like large feeding stations, temporary housing, hygiene and health supplies, family reunification assistance, and spiritual and emotional care. Salvation Army facilities in southern Russia are also responding to great need in the country, where 60,000 displaced people are caught in the middle of the crisis. "Our faith in God transcends borders," Major McKee explained. "We service those in this humanitarian crisis with compassion and without discrimination or prejudice." In Ukraine, The Salvation Army has corps and social centers spread across the country, where the organization is still actively serving the

besieged and suffering communities of Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, Noviy, Kropyvnytskyi, Vinnytsia, Lviv, and the capital, Kyiv. Salvation Army officers and staff are working around the clock to do all they can to help their fellow Ukrainians in this terrifying time. Though an estimated 3.5 million refugees have already fled the country, millions more are trapped and unable to get safe transit across the border. Large-Ukraine crisis - Romania 38.pngIn Romania, Major McKee is working with a team of seasoned Emergency Disaster Services professionals and volunteers to provide emergency aid to refugees pouring into the country each day. The EDS team in Bucharest, where he is currently stationed, is handing out food and medicine vouchers, as well as new clothing and hygiene items, to arriving refugees. They are also providing vital

information about the risks of human trafficking to ensure that this vulnerable population does not fall prey to the trafficking rings that plague the continent. The Salvation Army has been actively fighting against human trafficking in Europe for decades. "Most of the people we're serving are well dressed and obviously middle class, but they're refugees now and have lost everything," shared Major McKee in his first report from Bucharest. "So far, we've only seen women and children, except for one family who had the father with them. It's so, so sad, although it's a real blessing to be able to do something to make their journey a little more bearable." Major McKee's past international deployments have included natural disasters, such as earthquakes in Haiti and Pakistan, tsunamis in Sri Lanka and India, famine and droughts in

Sub-Saharan Africa, typhoons and hurricanes in the Philippines and Caribbean, floods in Mozambique, and an Ebola outbreak in Liberia. The Salvation Army also responds to humanitarian crises that arise from geographic and political conflicts. Major McKee brings to Romania much experience gained from a long history of working with refugees and communities that have been torn apart by man-made events. He has served refugees of the civil war in northern Uganda and post-genocide refugees in Rwanda, worked in southern Iraq during the Second Gulf War to provide cooking gas and food to civilians, and assisted with Kosovo refugees in Albania. Major McKee also served several deployments in New York City after 9-11 as a chaplain at Ground Zero and as The Salvation Army's liaison with the

city government. Major McKee will continue to send updates to The Salvation Army Indiana Division, providing a direct line to this evolving humanitarian crisis. As more Ukrainians have flee their country, the need continues to grow for humanitarian aid from governments, private industry, and nonprofits like The Salvation Army. Americans looking to support The Salvation Army's efforts in Eastern Europe are encouraged to give through a special donation portal that has been set up by the organization's World Services Office. This ensures that funds can quickly be funneled to operations on the ground. Visit <https://salarmy.us/ukrainecrisis> to support this global fundraising effort. Supporters can also text the keyword UKRAINE to 52000 along with the amount they would like to contribute.

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# Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Medical Category

• **Assisted Living/Nursing Home**  
**Winner - Harbour Manor & The Lodge**  
 Runner Up - Magnolia Springs  
 Honorable Mentions - Sanders Glen, Prarie Lakes Health Campus, Bickford of Carmel, Hamilton Trace  
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• **Audiologist**  
**Winner - Beltone Hearing Care Center**  
 Runner Up - Total Hearing Solutions  
 Honorable Mentions

- Indiana Hearing Aid, Dr. Charlotte Dugan, Northeast Otolaryngology, Whisper Hearing Center  
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• **Chiropractor**  
**Winner - Creekside**  
 Runner Up - Mark Woloshin  
 Honorable Mentions - The Joint, Abe Beaber/Ham Co Chiropractic  
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• **Counseling Service**  
**Winner - Pathways to Healing/**

**Kristen Boice**  
 Runner Up - Prevail  
 Honorable Mentions - Aspire, Family Tree  
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• **Dentist**  
**Winner - Chad Bailey**  
 Runner Up - Family Dental  
 Honorable Mentions - Robert Holloway, Burns Family, Joe Forgy, Mike Bettner  
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• **Hospital**  
**Winner - St. Vincent Carmel**  
 Runner Up - River-

view Health  
 Honorable Mentions - Community, Methodist, IU Health Saxony, Franciscan  
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• **Optometrist**  
**Winner - Midwest Eye Consultant**  
 Runner Up - Dana Meyers  
 Honorable Mentions - Dr. Prather, Miller Eye Center, Dr. Ciana Revolutinary Eyes  
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• **Orthodontist**  
**Winner - Resmer & Ryan Orthodon-**

**tics**  
 Runner Up - Robert Page  
 Honorable Mentions - Jason Bunch, Noblesville Pediatric Dentist, Pagem Condict, Sadler  
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• **Pharmacy**  
**Winner - Sheridan Elliot**  
 Runner Up - CVS  
 Honorable Mentions - Kroger, Walgreens, CVS in Cicero, Wal Mart, Meijer, CVS (SR 37 & 146th)  
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• **Physician**

**Winner - Scott Boschee,**  
 Runner Up - Bill Kirsch  
 Honorable Mentions - Noblesville Family Practice, Thomas Miller, Amy Banter  
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• **Veterinarian**  
**Winner - Janssens**  
 Runner Up - Hamilton Hills Animal Hospital  
 Honorable Mentions - VIP Animal Clinic, Hermann Vet Clinic, Hamilton Crossing, Noblesville Vet Clinic  
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# Readers' Choice 2022 Results - Food Category

• **Bar and Grill**  
**Winner – 10 West**  
 Runner Up – Woody's  
 Honorable Mentions – Syd's, Wolfie's, Eddy's Sports Pub, Barley Island Brewing Company  
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• **Caterer**  
**Winner – Big Hoffa's Smokehouse**  
 Runner Up – Ritz Charles  
 Honorable Mentions – Sahn's, Famous Dave's, A Cut Above, Nameless Catering, Zeck's BBQ & More, MCL  
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• **Dine-In Restaurant**  
**Winner – 10 West**  
 Runner Up – Ale Emporium  
 Honorable Mentions – Ginger's Cafe, Wolfie's, Matteo's, Erika's Place  
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• **Fast Food Restaurant**  
**Winner – Chick-Fil-A**  
 Runner Up – Culver's  
 Honorable Mentions – Hardee's, Burger King, Arby's, Moe's Southwest Grill  
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• **Restaurant**  
**Winner – 10 West**  
 Runner Up – Big Hoffa's  
 Honorable Mentions – Ginger's Cafe, Logan's, Cracker Barrel, Culver's  
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• **Chinese Restaurant**  
**Winner – Peking Garden**  
 Runner Up – Asian Grill  
 Honorable Mentions – Happy Dragon, Mark Pis, Panda Express, Great Taste  
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• **Coffee Shop**  
**Winner – Noble Coffee**  
 Runner Up – Starbucks  
 Honorable Mentions – Rosies, Cicero Coffee, Einsteins, Panera Bread  
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• **Ice Cream Place**  
**Winner – Alexander's**  
 Runner Up – Handel's  
 Honorable Mentions – Graeter's, Bubs, Culver's, Dairy Queen (10th St.), Dairy Queen (West Noblesville), Cold Stone Creamery (116th St.)  
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• **Italian Restaurant**  
**Winner – Matteo's**  
 Runner Up – Michaelangelo's  
 Honorable Mentions – Maggiano's, Puccini's, Mamma Carrolas, Olive Garden (Exit 10)  
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• **Mexican Restaurant**  
**Winner – Maria's Mexican Grill**  
 Runner Up – Rio Grande  
 Honorable Mentions – El Camino Real, Red Habenero, Maya Riviera, Chuy's  
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• **Pizza Place**  
**Winner – Pizza King Noblesville**  
 Runner Up – Puccini's  
 Honorable Mentions – Bazbeaux, Firehouse, Pizza by the Harbour, Marco's  
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• **Best Bagel**  
**Winner – Big Apple Bagel**  
 Runner Up – Einstein  
 Honorable Mentions – Noble Coffee, Corner Bakery  
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• **Best BBQ**

**Winner – Big Hoffas**  
 Runner Up – Big Dog's Smokehouse  
 Honorable Mention – Famous Dave's BBQ, City BBQ, Zeck's BBQ, Buffalo Wild Wings  
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• **Best Burger**  
**Winner – Culver's**  
 Runner Up – Red Robin  
 Honorable Mentions – Steak'n'Shake, Burger King, Britton Tavern, Jim Dandy  
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• **Best Chili**  
**Winner – Wendy's**  
 Runner Up – Syds  
 Honorable Mentions – Jim Dandy  
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• **Best Cookie**  
**Winner – Pat-a-Cake**  
 Runner Up – Starbuck's  
 Honorable Mentions – Panera  
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• **Best Cupcakes**  
**Winner – Gigi Cupcakes**  
 Runner Up – Heavenly Sweets  
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• **Best Cup of Coffee**

**Winner – Noble Coffee**  
 Runner Up – Starbucks  
 Honorable Mentions – Erika's Place, Dunkin' Donuts, Brunchie's, Ginger's  
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• **Best Donut**  
**Winner – Jack's Donuts (Fishers)**  
 Runner Up – Dunkin' Donuts  
 Honorable Mentions – Big Apple Bagels, Krenolies, Titus, Rebellion Donuts  
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• **Best French Fries**  
**Winner – McDonald's**  
 Runner Up – Chick-Fil-A  
 Honorable Mentions – Culver's, Steak'n'Shake, Red Robin, Applebee's  
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• **Best Milke Shake**  
**Winner – Steak'n'Shake**  
 Runner Up – Dairy Queen  
 Honorable Mentions – Hardee's, Jim Dandy  
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• **Best Onion Rings**

**Winner – Red Robin**  
 Runner Up – Applebee's  
 Honorable Mentions – Carey Tavern, Perkins, Burger King, White Castle  
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• **Best Omelet**  
**Winner – Erika's Place**  
 Runner Up – Ginger's Cafe  
 Honorable Mentions – Rosie's Cafe, Uptown Cafe, Perkins, Best Bet, Cracker Barrel  
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• **Best Sandwich**  
**Winner – Chick-Fil-A**  
 Runner Up – Big Hoffas  
 Honorable Mentions – Burger King, Reb Robin, Wolfie's, Culver's  
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• **Best Tenderloin (breaded/ubreaded)**  
**Winner – Syd's**  
 Runner Up – Jim Dandy  
 Honorable Mentions – The Nickel Plate  
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• **Best**  
 Runner Up – Jim Dandy  
 Honorable Mentions – The Nickel Plate



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## BBB Study: Cryptocurrency is Ripe for Fraud and Financial Loss

Cryptocurrency is the hot new trend in investing, and much is still not understood about this buzzy, volatile digital payment system that does not rely on banks to verify transactions. This has created a fertile environment for scams, according to a new in-depth investigative study by Better Business Bureau (BBB), which states: "A virtual tug of war exists between the legitimate and fraudulent use of cryptocurrency."

"Scammers are capitalizing on the fact consumers are still relatively uninformed about how cryptocurrency works," said Jennifer Adamany, BBB Central Indiana spokesperson. "The number of BBB Scam Tracker reports involving cryptocurrency doubled last year and tripled since 2020, which is why it's so important to educate the public about these scams."

The study – Cryptocurrency scams: BBB study finds lack of regulation and consumer education results in dramatic increase in fraud and financial losses – examines the many facets of cryptocurrency and the variety of ways criminals are exploiting the cryptocurrency market to steal from investors and victims of common scams. Read the full study here.

Cryptocurrency is a form of digital money whereby encryption technology can enable anyone anywhere to send and receive payments. It does not exist in a physical form such as paper money, but as lines of computer code, supported by a decentralized computer system known as blockchain and stored in a "crypto wallet." Bitcoin, developed in 2009, is the most popular form of cryptocurrency, available for purchase at tens of thousands of Bitcoin ATMs and increasingly accepted as payment in certain retail

transactions. Ethereum is the second most common cryptocurrency and is centrally involved in the increasingly popular non-fungible tokens (NFTs), digital assets such as pictures or music that are purchased with cryptocurrency as an investment. Critically, cryptocurrency operates outside the traditional banking system and is not subject to the same protections as bank deposits or credit card transactions.

"Cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology present new and exciting opportunities for consumers and businesses. However, consumers need to be on alert for scammers and fraudsters attempting exploit the novelty and newness of this emerging market." – Scott Barnhart, Chief Counsel and Director of Consumer Protection.

Reports from victims of large financial losses to cryptocurrency related scams are skyrocketing. In 2021, BBB received more than 2,400 complaints with monetary losses of nearly \$8 million involving cryptocurrency companies. BBB Scam Tracker reports about crypto scams numbered more than 1,200 in 2021 and likewise totaled nearly \$8 million in losses. Scam Tracker reports to BBB tripled between 2019 and 2021, and reported losses tripled over the last two years.

Cryptocurrency accounted for the second highest scam losses reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2021, with losses of \$750 million. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) also had major increases in reports received and major increases in losses. BBB's study notes that research shows that most people do not make a report when they are scammed, so actual losses suggested to be substantially greater.

Cryptocurrency has some key traits that make it attractive to scammers: It is relatively unregulated and difficult to recoup once lost; it is wildly popular, fueled in part by celebrity endorsements; and it is not well understood by the general public. The study states that the cryptocurrency market offers new opportunities for tried-and-true investment frauds such as Ponzi schemes and fraudulent ICOs (initial coin offerings), particularly given the development of new currencies and the lack of protections that government regulation has made available to more traditional investors.

Many victims report that after purchasing cryptocurrency, they were directed to websites where they had to create an account in order to monitor their investments. The websites are sophisticated, with many offering live customer service chats. But victims who want to withdraw their "earnings" are told they must contribute more money to cover taxes, commissions, or other fees. Ultimately, they can never withdraw money.

A consumer told BBB that she began learning about Bitcoin investing in the summer of 2021, reaching out via WhatsApp to an investing service she saw mentioned repeatedly in the comments of a YouTube video about Bitcoin. The woman was instructed to buy \$1,500 in Bitcoin via CashApp; 10 days later, she received a screenshot displaying an account balance of more than \$7,300. However, when she decided to withdraw her earnings, she was told to pay a 10% commission and a broker's fee of more than \$800. After she paid both, she received an email instructing her to pay an additional sum of nearly \$1,200 to withdraw her money. She concluded it

was a scam and reported it to BBB.

BBB Scam Tracker data shows that cryptocurrency scams most commonly originate on social media, with the FTC noting that 25% of crypto fraud reported in 2021 began on social media. Scammers may impersonate a victim's friends to tell them about their success in crypto investing, or they may make Facebook posts promising big gains.

Cryptocurrency figures prominently in other scams as well. Law enforcement and BBB report that romance scammers have begun convincing their victims to invest in cryptocurrency via sophisticated fake apps, disappearing with the money when the victim attempts to withdraw proceeds. Ransomware scams also demand cryptocurrency as payment in many cases, BBB's study notes. BBB Scam Tracker data shows that cryptocurrency also is a commonly requested payment method in fraudulent online sales, advance fee loan scams, employment scams, extortion scams, government impostor fees and more. Illicit transactions on the so-called dark web are often conducted using cryptocurrency, and it is used in money laundering.

Law enforcement agencies have pursued cases involving large cryptocurrency losses and the use of cryptocurrency in criminal activity. The U.S. Department of Justice has made arrests this year in cases involving billions of dollars in cryptocurrency laundering.

Tips to avoid cryptocurrency scams:

- Guard your wallet. If you buy cryptocurrency, the security of the wallet is of prime importance. If you lose the key, then your funds are gone permanently.
- Look carefully at email addresses and

website addresses. Phishing scams often try to trick people into logging in and then capture the log in credentials. Those then can be used to steal money. Looking for an exchange with an internet search engine may lead to fake sites which advertise and impersonate real companies. Be especially careful when viewing these on a phone.

- Do not pay for products with cryptocurrency. Be careful if someone asks you to pay with Bitcoin or another cryptocurrency. No one with the government will ever ask for this form of payment.
- Beware of fake recovery companies. Scam companies sometimes claim that they can recover stolen money – for a fee. These are usually scammers.
- Watch out for fake reviews. Scammers often create fake reviews for their own companies.
- Be wary of celebrity endorsements. It can be tempting to rely on a prominent figure who has invested in cryptocurrency. But those endorsements are often not authorized and even if they are, the celebrity may be paid for the effort and may not know more about it than you do.
- Be careful about claims made on social media. This is the most common place for people to encounter investment scams.
- Be wary of "friends" who reach out to you on social media and tell you how they made money with cryptocurrency. Accounts are frequently compromised. Call your friend by phone to see if it is really them.
- Only download apps from Google Play or the App Store. Trusted app stores do not eliminate the threat of app scams, but they do offer a basic level of protection. Be careful with apps. Some contain malicious software.

- Do not believe promises of guaranteed returns. No one can guarantee how an investment will perform.
- Seek help and support. Cybercrime Support Network offers a free, confidential support program for romance scam survivors.
- Recommendations for industry and regulators: Social media should do more to:
  - Prevent hijacking of profiles
  - Stop scam advertisements for cryptocurrency investment schemes
  - Prevent the illegal use of celebrity names to promote cryptocurrency scams.
  - Regulators should carefully monitor Bitcoin ATMs to prevent use by scammers.
  - BBB, media, trade groups and government agencies should continue to educate the public about risks.
  - U.S. Department of Treasury and security regulators should provide stringent oversight and regulation of cryptocurrencies.
- Where to report a scam or register a complaint:
  - Better Business Bureau — file a complaint with your local BBB at BBB.org if you lost money or report a scam online at BBB.org/scamtracker.
  - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) — file a complaint online at reportfraud.ftc.gov or call 877-FTC-Help.
  - Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) — file a complaint online at ic3.gov/complaint and include:
    - o All transaction IDs
    - o Where you sent your crypto from (private wallet, account at exchange X, etc.)
    - o Where you believed you were sending your funds (perpetrator's private wallet, arbitrage account, etc.)
    - o Any details regarding the scam and scammers.



## Justice Department Alleges Indiana State Nursing Board Discriminates Against People with Opioid Use Disorder

Today, the Justice Department found that the Indiana State Board of Nursing (Nursing Board) violated the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by prohibiting nurses who take medication to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) from participating in the Indiana State Nursing Assistance Program. The program assists in rehabilitating and monitoring nurses with substance use disorders, and is often required for these nurses to maintain an active license or have one reinstated. The letter of findings

asks the Nursing Board to work with the Justice Department to resolve the civil rights violations identified during the course of its investigation.

The department opened an investigation in response to a complaint from a nurse alleging that she was denied participation in the State Nursing Assistance Program because she takes prescribed medication for OUD. The investigation corroborated that the Nursing Board prohibits program participants from using OUD medication and that

tapering the nurse off her medication would come with a significant risk of relapse and harm.

“Opioid Use Disorder is a difficult disease that impacts people in every occupation. Patients must not be forced to choose between medically approved treatments and their livelihoods,” said U.S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers for the Southern District of Indiana. “We will work closely with our partners in the Civil Rights Division to ensure that the Americans with Disabilities Act is appropriately enforced.”

“Recovery and monitoring programs must allow individuals to use proven medications that support their recovery, including prescribed medications that treat Opioid Use Disorder,” said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division. “Refusing to allow individuals to participate in a required support program because of their disabilities violates the ADA and makes it harder for individuals to secure and maintain jobs and livelihoods. Removing

discriminatory barriers to employment is an important priority of the Civil Rights Division.”

Methadone and buprenorphine (including brand names Subutex and Suboxone) are approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat OUD. According to the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), methadone and buprenorphine help diminish the effects of physical dependency on opioids. When taken as prescribed, these medications are safe and effective.

Under Title II of the

ADA, the department provided the Nursing Board with written notice of the supporting facts for these findings and the remedial measures necessary to address them. For more information on the ADA, please call the department’s toll-free ADA Information Line at 1-800-514-0301 (TDD 800-514-0383) or visit [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov). For more information on the Civil Rights Division, please visit [www.justice.gov/crt](http://www.justice.gov/crt). The letter can be viewed at [https://www.ada.gov/indiana\\_nursing\\_lof.pdf](https://www.ada.gov/indiana_nursing_lof.pdf).

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residents, school parents and school staff, to this online survey, which ended this month.

It was a very brief survey, three multiple-choice questions with space to write feedback. Here are responses from the three questions.

Question No. 1 asked what should be the top three priorities for the school district. Survey participants’ top three priorities are 1) attracting high quality teachers (about 80 percent), 2) improving student achievement (about 60 percent) and 3) improving effectiveness of teaching (just more than 40 percent). The only other response that I suggested was “improving the teacher evaluation plan,” which, in turn, would also improve effectiveness of teaching and improve student achievement.

Question No. 2 asked the two most important personal characteristics the next superintendent should have? Survey participants’ top priorities were 1) good communicator (40 percent), 2) problem solver (more than 35 percent) 3) trustworthy (more than 30 percent) and 4) approachable (more than 20 percent). My additional response, a write-in, was to “continue to strive to find root causes behind student failure and low motivation.”

Question No. 3 asked the two most important professional skills the next superintendent would have? Survey participants’ top priorities were: 1) ability to lead strategic planning (more than 55 percent), 2) instructional leadership (more than 40 percent), 3) ability to motivate others (about 30 percent), and 4) human relations skills (about 25 percent). My additional response was that the new superintendent would have a strategic vision to



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**Noblesville Schools is seeking a replacement for retiring Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer (pictured above), and the members of our community have voiced their opinions in a survey of what they want in a new superintendent**

identify community goals and help teachers meet performance goals while requiring teachers to ensure that students succeed.

Of the 2,500 responses, 742 comments were recorded and fell into four theme areas: 1) hard shoes to fill, 2) not political, 3) support various groups, and 4) specific political support.

There were 108 comments that fell into the “hard shoes to fill” theme. These respondents were “very supportive of the work of the current superintendent and complementary of her efforts over the last several years.” Respondents said Niedermeyer did a “fantastic job” and especially “loved her handling of the pandemic and her commitment to keep our kids in school.” Niedermeyer has been “a known presence in the district to staff and parents.” One respondent said the “next superintendent will

hopefully share many of the same wonderful qualities.”

There were 68 comments that fell into the “not political” theme. This group of respondents asked that the new superintendent “to not be political or take sides in the community on political topics.”

There were 161 comments that fell into the “support for various groups” theme. One respondent said, “I want a superintendent who values parent input, partners with parents and students and makes academics a priority.”

There were 105 comments that fell into the “specific political support” theme. This group of comments included 57 specifically asking for the new superintendent to not support Critical Race Theory (CRT) in schools.

Another group shared 48 comments asking the next superintendent

to specifically support teaching diversity and/or CRT topics in the school district,” according to the survey results.

One respondent said, “Students should be learning about inclusivity, problem solving and conflict management while also gaining skills necessary to advance (math, science, reading, writing, social studies, etc.) It’s important to me that our school is a safe place for people of all races, religions, socioeconomic status and sexual orientation.”

A counterview comment read, “Please do not hire someone who subscribes to ‘woke’ ideals or bends to CRT, equity, inclusion or diversity ideology. That does not belong in the education system. That lies in the parental/home realm. Hire an individual who values student achievement, making sure there are no impediments for

any student.”

Other themes included academics, school calendar, needs of special education students, extra-

curriculars and athletes.

Of the survey participants, 47.3 percent, or 1,191 respondents, were parents of an elementary student; 32 percent, or 806 respondents, were parents of a high school student; 29.9 percent, or 752 respondents, were parents of a middle school student; 18.6 percent, or 468 respondents, were community members; 17.5 percent, or 440 respondents, were certified staff members; 9 percent, or 227 respondents, were classified staff members; and 1.6 percent, or 41 respondents, were administrators.

There was no cost for the survey, said district spokesperson Marnie Cooke. The University Search Team (a project of the Ball State, Indiana University, Indiana State University and Purdue University Schools of Education) which conducted the survey, is a nonprofit service and used a Google form to survey.

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**Author Donna Cronk speaks at the Sheridan Public Library**

encouraged to share and reflect on possessions they have kept throughout the years.

The author currently

has three books available for purchase on Amazon. Patrons may also check the books out the library.

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fraud, but rest assured that those cases are vigorously sought and eventually found and prosecuted by Social Security’s Inspector General’s office.

FYI, there is another category of federal benefit known as Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) which has somewhat different eligibility criteria but still requires either legal residency as I’ve defined above, or another special residency status which defines them

as a “qualified alien” (e.g., certain Indian tribes, refugees and those granted asylum, victims of human trafficking, etc.), as defined by the federal government. SSI is, essentially, a general disability benefit for needy seniors, minors, and disabled adults with very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the general Treasury, not from Social Security funds, and do

not detract from Social Security’s finances. SSI is administered by each state, which usually provide other assistance in addition to the relatively small federal monetary benefit (\$841 per month for 2022).

As you are undoubtedly aware, all U.S. States have separate laws which may provide benefits to all state citizens, regardless of their federal residency status, but that is entirely outside the

realm of Social Security and does not affect Social Security’s financial structure. To receive Social Security benefits, one must have either earned the right to do so by contributing sufficiently to the program or be the legally present dependent of someone who is (or was) collecting Social Security and meet all other eligibility criteria for the benefit claimed.

Regarding your decision to claim at 62,

remember that life expectancy is always an unknown factor and deciding when to claim always includes a large degree of uncertainty. We should all be comfortable knowing for certain that Social Security will be there for us until the end.

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enough for my patients; that they weren’t able to make the lifestyle changes they wanted to. In that moment I realized food could be a really great, creative way of guiding them towards healthier choices. I literally taught my first cooking class for patients a week after that and have been doing so at my clinic since.”

Dr. Shiue is not alone, medical schools are beginning to offer culinary medicine courses; they’re turning out young doctors who know their medicine and are versed in the art of offering patients appetiz-

ing healthy meals. The Association of American Medical Colleges says they are “part of an emerging trend at medical schools across the country, one that teaches students how to cook so they will be equipped not only to take better care of themselves but also to counsel patients on the role that good nutrition plays in improving health outcomes.”

No longer will doctors simply tell their patients that nutritious eating will prevent disease, he or she may be able to literally give them tasty recipes for a healthy lifestyle.

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1. Follow a Heart-Healthy Diet

Too much sugar and salt can lead to high blood pressure, putting you potentially at risk for heart diseases, including AFib. When shopping for food, take time to read the nutrition facts and choose foods lower in sodium and sugar, or consider trying spices and herbs as a healthier alternative to salt. Another healthy swap is removing trans fats and saturated fats, like fried or fast foods and fatty meats like sausage and bacon, and instead trying unsaturated fats like seeds and avocados.

Whole grains are a good source of fiber that play

a part in regulating blood pressure and heart health. When eaten as part of a heart-healthy diet, whole grains can help reduce cholesterol, blood pressure and weight, and lower the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by up to 32%. Dietary fiber can help improve blood cholesterol levels and lower your risk of heart disease. Incorporate vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains into your diet to increase your daily fiber intake.

2. Get Some Exercise to Kickstart Your Heart

Exercise can help make both your body and heart stronger. The American Heart Association recom-

mends at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week – that’s 30 minutes a day, five days a week. Aerobic exercise can include walking, running, swimming, playing tennis and more.

It is also important to incorporate strength training exercises into your workout regimen at least twice a week. Any activity is better than no activity, so even making an effort to stand up throughout the day to walk around, parking farther away from a destination, or taking the stairs can make a difference.

3. Limit Alcohol and Tobacco Usage

Moderation is key when consuming alcohol, as excessive consumption correlates directly to increased risk for high blood pressure along with other negative side effects, like triggering AFib episodes. In addition, tobacco use is strongly discouraged as part of any healthy diet, but it has particularly problematic effects on heart health, like damaging the function of your heart and the structure and function of your blood vessels.

To learn more about AFib and your treatment options, or to find an electrophysiologist near you, visit [GetSmartAboutAFib.com](http://GetSmartAboutAFib.com).



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## In The Home

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### US Household Air Conditioning Use Could Exceed Electric Capacity In Next Decade

Climate change will drive an increase in summer air conditioning use in the United States that is likely to cause prolonged blackouts during peak summer heat if states do not expand capacity or improve efficiency, according to a new study of household-level demand.

The study projected summertime usage as global temperature rises 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) or 2.0 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels, finding demand in the United States overall could rise 8% at the lower and 13% at the higher threshold. The new study was published in Earth's Future, AGU's journal for interdisciplinary research on the past, present and future of our planet and its inhabitants.

Human emissions have put the global climate on a trajectory to exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming by the early 2030s, the IPCC reported in its 2021 assessment. Without significant mitigation, global

temperatures will likely exceed the 2.0-degree Celsius threshold by the end of the century.

Previous research has examined the impacts of higher future temperatures on annual electricity consumption or daily peak load for specific cities or states. The new study is the first to project residential air conditioning demand on a household basis at a wide scale. It incorporates observed and predicted air temperature and heat, humidity and discomfort indices with air conditioning use by statistically representative households across the contiguous United States, collected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) in 2005-2019.

The new study projected changing usage from climate influence only, and did not consider possible population increases, changes in affluence, behavior or other factors known to affect air conditioning demand.

"We tried to isolate just the impact of climate

change," said Renee Obringer, an environmental engineer at Penn State University and lead author of the new study. "If nothing changes, if we, as a society, refuse to adapt, if we don't match the efficiency demands, what would that mean?"

Technological improvements in the efficiency of home air conditioning appliances could supply the additional cooling needed to achieve current comfort levels after 2.0 degrees global temperature rise without increased demand for electricity, the new study found.

Increased efficiency of 1% to 8% would be required, depending on existing state standards and the expected demand increase, with Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma on the high end.

"It's a pretty clear warning to all of us that we can't keep doing what we are doing or our energy system will break down in the next few decades, simply because of the summertime air conditioning," said Susanne Benz, a geographer and climate scientist

at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, who was not involved in the new study.

Exceeding capacity The heaviest air conditioning use with the greatest risk for overloading the power grid comes during heat waves, which also present the highest risk to health. Electricity generation tends to be below peak during heat waves as well, further reducing capacity, Obringer said.

Without enough capacity to meet demand, energy utilities may have to stage rolling blackouts during heat waves to avoid grid failure, like California's energy providers did in August 2020 during an extended period of record heat sometimes topping 117 degrees Fahrenheit.

"We've seen this in California already—state power suppliers had to institute blackouts because they couldn't provide the needed electricity," Obringer said. The state attributed 599 deaths to the heat, but the true toll may have been closer to 3,900.

The consequences of

cascading electrical grid failures are likely to impact already vulnerable populations, including low income, non-white and older residents, first, Obringer noted.

"When they say there's going to be two weeks where you don't have cooling on average—in reality, some people will have cooling," Benz said.

Regional differences The new study predicted the largest increases in kilowatt-hours of electricity demand in the already hot south and southwest.

If all Arizona households were to increase air conditioning use by the estimated 6% needed at 1.5 degrees Celsius of global warming, for example, amounting to 30 kilowatt-hours per month, this would place an additional 54.5 million kilowatt-hours of demand on the power grid monthly.

Some of the highest percentage increases over current demand can be expected in Midwestern states, which could strain

energy capacity in the region. The added demand of global temperature rise from 1.5 degrees Celsius to 2.0 degrees Celsius could triple demand in Indiana and Ohio, underlining the importance of mitigation to limit temperature increases, Obringer said.

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### From Seed To Bouquet - Grow Your Own Flowers For Cutting

by Melinda Myers

You don't need a lot of space or a big budget to grow and enjoy garden-fresh bouquets. Just fill a few vacant spaces, add an extra row in garden beds or fill a container with easy care flowers started from seeds.

You'll jump-start the season and enjoy earlier blooms by starting some of the seeds indoors to transfer into the garden after the danger of frost has passed. If you're not in a hurry, want to stretch your budget and extend your garden's bloom time, sow some seeds directly in the garden. Just follow the directions on the seed packet.

Annual flowers like these are known for season long bloom and a long vase life. You'll need to plant annuals each year, but you may decide the continuous bloom is well worth the effort. Supplementing them with perennial flowers and bulbs means you need to plant fewer annuals each year for a season filled

with colorful garden-fresh bouquets.

Here are a few easy-care annual flowers that you can start from seed indoors or directly in the garden. These beauties will brighten those sunny spots in the landscape and bouquets in your home.

Start zinnia seeds indoors four weeks before the last spring frost or sow them directly in the garden. Either way, you'll have flowers about eight weeks after planting the seeds. Grow taller varieties like Benary's Giant for long stems, Queeny Lime Orange or Zowie! Yellow Flame for eye-catching color or Profusion and Zahara for small daisy-like flowers on compact mildew resistant plants in your low maintenance cut flower garden.

Like zinnias, cosmos make a great cut flower and both are heat and drought tolerant in the garden. Start cosmos seeds indoors four to six weeks before the last spring frost or directly in the garden. The fine foliage adds texture to the garden

and the white, pink, lavender blooms light up the mid-summer through fall garden. Plant tall varieties en masse to eliminate the need for staking. Or grow shorter varieties like Sonata and Cosmic. Once you plant cosmos in the garden, you may be rewarded with volunteer seedlings in subsequent years.

Marigolds have long been favorites in the garden, but they also make great cut flowers. Like zinnias, you can start them indoors or directly in the garden and have flowers in about eight weeks. Include a variety of single, double, large and small flowers to create a marigold only arrangement or mix with other flowers. The Gem series of marigolds have lacy leaves with a citrusy scent and small single flowers all summer long. Not only are these 12" tall plants great in arrangements, but the flowers are also edible and attract beneficial insects to your garden.

Include calendula, another edible flower, in your

garden and arrangements. Plant seeds directly in the garden in fall through spring when growing in the Deep South, Gulf and Pacific Coast areas. Those in other regions can plant seeds directly in the garden after the danger of heavy frost has passed. Also known as pot marigolds, these plants thrive in cooler temperatures. If plants fade as temperatures rise, cut them back, continue to water as needed and watch for new flowers when the weather cools. These will reseed readily so watch for welcome seedlings the following year.

Sunflowers make dramatic statements in the garden and in the flower vase. The 2022 All-America Selections winner, Concert Bell grows 10 to 12 flowers on each stem. You'll have a ready-made bouquet with each stem removed. Suncredible® Yellow sunflower produces four-inch flowers on two to three feet tall plants. The plants continue to bloom throughout the season even

if you don't remove the faded flowers.

Keep the flowers coming to enjoy in the garden and arrangements with regular picking. The more you pick, the more flowers you'll have. Share extras with friends, neighbors, or senior centers. Studies at Rutgers University found cut flowers immediately increased happiness and had a long-term positive impact on the recipient's mood.

Melinda Myers has

written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com.



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### Terrace Makeover With Potted Bulbs

Hurrah, the sun is showing its face more often! Get off to a good start by turning your terrace into a cozy corner with a little help from cheerful spring bloomers.

Let the sunshine in Spring feels like a new beginning because the temperature rises and nature starts to awaken. Seize the moment and freshen up your terrace with a makeover. Fill it with cheerful

flowers. If you start doing this early on in the year, you will be able to enjoy it for a long time.

Potted bulbs If you want instant atmosphere and color on your terrace, choose potted bulbs. These spring-flowering bulbs have already been potted and grown, so all they need to do is start flowering on your terrace. They will shine for weeks and make you happy every

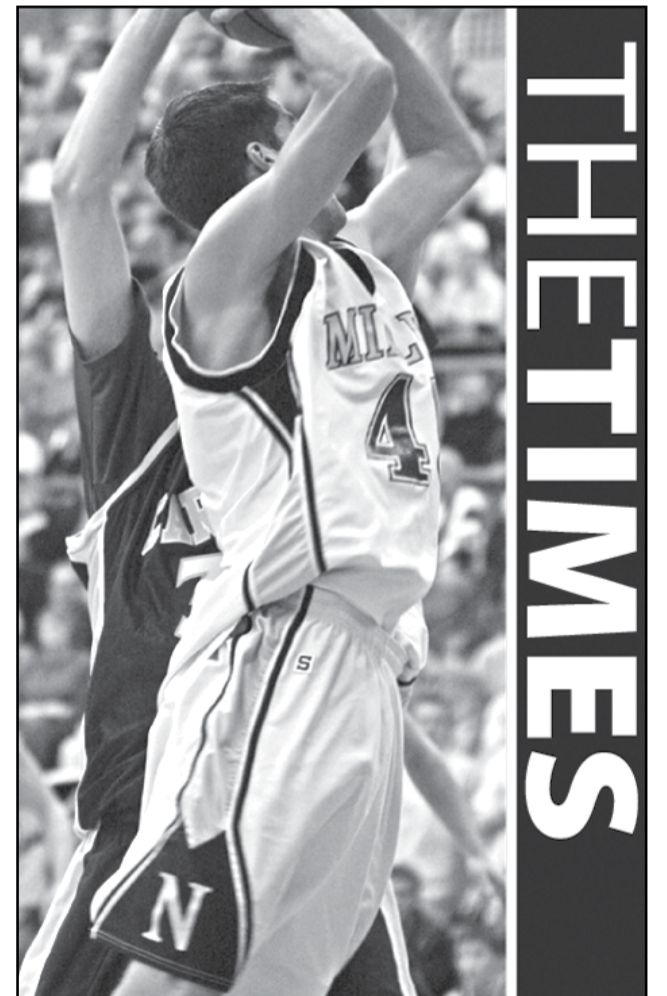
time you look at them.

Choosing You can choose from several varieties of potted bulbs. The best-known ones are daffodils, hyacinths and grape hyacinths. Growers consciously use special varieties that stay short and compact. Go for a colorful mix, or combine different types of flowers in one color. Bursting with cheerfulness!

Local

Potted bulbs are available early in the season in many shops. If you buy bulbs that are produced locally, you can be sure that the flowers are as fresh as it gets. The fresher they are, the longer you will enjoy them. And what's more, you will be supporting regional growers. Two birds with one stone!

Would you like to know more about bulb flowers? Visit www.ilsays.com.



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## Historic Paramount Theatre In Central Indiana Announces Addition Of Two New Live Shows

The historic Paramount Theatre is pleased to announce the addition of two live performances – 80s hitmakers Little River Band and TUSK: The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac – to its entertainment lineup. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. via [AndersonParamount.org](http://AndersonParamount.org).

About Little River Band and TUSK: The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac:  
Little River Band – Friday, Aug. 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Most tickets \$39, \$49 & \$59. Limited premium seating \$100.

The Little River Band enjoyed huge success in the 70s and 80s with multi-platinum albums and chart-topping hits like "Lady," "Reminiscing," "Cool Change," "Lonesome Loser," "The Night Owls," "Take It Easy On Me," "Help Is on Its Way," and more.

TUSK: The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac – Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Most tickets \$25 & \$25. Limited premium seating \$75.

No fancy tricks. No gimmicks. Just five musicians recreating the music of Fleetwood Mac with

note-for-note perfection that no other act has come close to duplicating! Authentic-sounding and always respectful, Tusk performs the greatest hits of one of the most legendary groups of all time.

Current Paramount Theatre Lineup:

- Three Dog Night – Friday, March 25, 2022
- Church Basement Ladies – Thursday, March 31, 2022

- The British Invasion – Thursday, April 28, 2022

- Get the Led Out – Saturday, May 21, 2022

- Killer Queen – Saturday, July 16, 2022

Tickets can be purchased via [AndersonParamount.org](http://AndersonParamount.org) or by calling the Paramount Box Office at 765.642.1234.

Live shows at the Paramount Theatre are offerings of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment.

About the Anderson Paramount Theatre

The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom has been in operation since Aug. 20, 1929. The Paramount has inspired many spectators with its architecture, entertainment, and history. On behalf of generous local benefactors with an appreciation of history,

the theatre continues to shine as brightly on the outside as the stars do inside. The Paramount offers residents and visitors unique entertainment options year-round in partnership with Honeywell Arts & Entertainment. For more information about the Anderson Paramount Theatre, visit [AndersonParamount.org](http://AndersonParamount.org).

About Honeywell Arts & Entertainment

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment encompasses the full range of arts opportunities and venues of The Honeywell Foundation, a nonprofit public arts charity in Wabash, Indiana. The organization is dedicated to the enhancement of artistic, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for all. Offerings take place online and at six venues: the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Charley Creek Gardens, Dr. James Ford Historic Home, and the 13-24 Drive In. Programs are made possible by the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts: a federal agency, and by generous donors.

For more information about The Honeywell Foundation, visit [HoneywellArts.org](http://HoneywellArts.org).

## Superstar Martin Garrix To Headline 2022 Indy 500 Snake Pit

Superstar DJ and producer Martin Garrix will headline a stellar lineup of global electronic music artists at the Indy 500 Snake Pit presented by Coors Light on Sunday, May 29 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the biggest and best party of Race Weekend.

deadmau5, Galantis, Steve Aoki and Yellow Claw also will perform at the Race Day concert during the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Performances begin early in the morning in the infield adjacent to Turn 3 of the IMS oval, with specific set times to be announced.

"The Indy 500 Snake Pit presented by Coors Light is one of the most popular concerts of the year on the global EDM calendar," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "Anticipation is even higher for this year's show after a two-year pause due to the pandemic, so we can't wait to welcome this incredible,

star-studded lineup and their fans back home again to the Speedway for a day filled with fun and epic memories."

General admission and VIP tickets for the Snake Pit are on sale for \$45 and \$150 at [www.ims.com](http://www.ims.com). VIP amenities will include access to a raised viewing platform located beside the stage, a private cash bar and private air-conditioned restrooms.

All Snake Pit ticketholders must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid Indy 500 general admission or reserved seat ticket. Ticket holders should be prepared to show proper identification to enter the concert.

Packages that include Race Day general admission tickets are available. A package featuring general admission to the Indianapolis 500 and Snake Pit is \$85, while a race general admission and Snake Pit VIP package is \$190.

Snake Pit concertgoers

are encouraged to buy tickets now, as prices will increase as May approaches and limited quantities of admission wristbands are available.

In a new regulation for 2022 to maximize safety and overall guest experience, coolers will not be permitted in the Snake Pit. Complimentary water hydration stations will be available for concert attendees. Empty hydration packs with up to two pockets also will be allowed inside the Snake Pit gates.

Martin Garrix has risen to global stardom in pop as well as electronic circles –and yet he's far from being done. Dance music's freshest talent has headlined festivals around the globe, founded a label and mentored other artists and won the No. 1 spot in DJ Mag's Top 100 twice.

This will be Garrix's second performance in the Snake Pit, as he also was in the lineup for the landmark 100th Indianapolis 500 in 2016.

## Country Star Dierks Bentley Will Be Headlining Firestone Legends Day Concert

Country music superstar Dierks Bentley will headline the Firestone Legends Day Concert on Saturday, May 28, one day before the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Tickets are on sale now at [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com).

Special guests Ashley McBryde and Dillon Carmichael will open the show, which begins at 7 p.m. (ET), with individual performances.

Previously held on the Firestone Stage inside Turn 4 of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the concert will be held at the TCU Amphitheater in White River State Park, further expanding the celebration of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" into downtown Indianapolis.

The new venue allows fans to celebrate Legends Day presented by Firestone at both IMS and throughout downtown Indianapolis. Legends Day kicks off with the 106th Indianapolis 500 Public Drivers' Meeting and driver autograph sessions at IMS. Gates will close early so fans can make their way downtown for the AES 500 Festival Parade and the Firestone Legends Day Concert.

Bentley continues to be a dominant voice for the genre with over 6.4 billion streams as his new single, "Beers On Me," with BRELAND and HARDY races up the radio charts. Reaching a new creative high while "making music designed to challenge" (New York Times), Bentley co-wrote

10 of 13 tracks on his latest full-length release "The Mountain," which earned him the highest debut sales of his career and became his seventh chart-topping release.

Last year, Bentley surprised fans with his "Live from Telluride" FROM TELLURIDE collection that was touted as "a giftsic fans didn't know they needed" (The Tennessean).

Bentley will celebrate his 16th anniversary as a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 2022. He also has created professional endeavors outside of the music with his Flag & Anthem lifestyle collection Desert Son, along with his "Dierks Bentley's Whiskey Row" franchise hosting four locations. For more information, visit [Dierks.com](http://Dierks.com).

McBryde earned a 2021 Grammy nomination for Best Country Album, making her "Never Will" the only album nominated for Country Album of the Year by the ACMs, CMAs and the Recording Academy in the same award season. The music is stadium-ready rock-and-roll with a bluegrass wink or two and country music's storytelling heart—no longer new, is the music's ordained and highly capable standard bearer.

Since unleashing his critically acclaimed 2018 debut, "Hell On An Angel," Carmichael has toured with some of country music's biggest names, written a song for Travis Tritt's latest

album, racked up millions of streams on Spotify, gone viral on TikTok and even gotten engaged. He used his pandemic downtime to go back to the studio and record his latest album, "Son of A," a collection of high-energy, feel-good country that includes the singles "Hot Beer" and "Hose Water." As the Official Tire of Country Music and the Official Tire of the Indianapolis 500, Firestone has served as the presenting sponsor of Legends Day since it debuted in 2014. The partnership brings together two platforms – racing and country music – that have played significant roles in the rich history of the time-tested Firestone brand.

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TICKETS: Tickets are on sale now and available at [www.LiveNation.com](http://www.LiveNation.com).

## Indiana Authors Awards Announce Ashley C. Ford Homecoming Tour

The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards will kick off a multi-city book tour with Indiana native and New York Times best-selling author Ashley C. Ford in April. The writer, host, educator and social media star will be in conversation with local moderators in three cities about her experiences as an Indiana writer. The tour stops are New Albany on April 12, Indianapolis on April 13 and Fort Wayne on April 14.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ashley C. Ford's New York Times best-selling debut memoir, *Somebody's Daughter*, was published by Flatiron Books in June 2021. Telling the story of her relationship with her incarcerated father, the book explores themes of childhood, family, race, body image, education and home.

Ford is the former host of *The Chronicles of Now* podcast and co-host of the HBO companion podcast *Lovecraft Country Radio*. Ford is a graduate of Ball State University and spent the last several years in New York City, moving

"back home again" to Indiana in 2020. She has written or guest-edited for ELLE Magazine, BuzzFeed, OUT Magazine, Mailchimp Presents, Slate, Teen Vogue, New York Magazine, Allure, Marie Claire, The New York Times, The Guardian, Netflix Queue, Domino, Cup of Jo and various other web and print publications.

"I'm a born and bred Hoosier. My opinions, my political affiliations, my art and all of that comes from what made me here," Ford said. "I'm going to force this place to claim me."

"I want people here, especially young Black people, to know what's possible for their lives. I want to be from here. I want to make things from here. I want my friends from the coasts to come here and see what I see up close. I don't want them to be ignorant about what the Midwest is, what it looks like and who lives here. That's how we get better stories. I want better stories for the Midwest and Indiana specifically."

Ford will be joined in conversation by poet

Mitchell L.H. Douglas at the Floyd County Library in New Albany, writer Tamara Winfrey-Harris at Arsenal Tech High School in Indianapolis and Northeast Indiana Public Radio's Terra Brantley at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne.

The Indiana Authors Awards Tour is a statewide speaking tour, featuring a prominent Hoosier author in conversation with local writers and thought leaders. With the goals of both highlighting Indiana's national literary status and inspiring more residents to take up the pen and write, the Indiana Authors Awards Tour brings prominent writers to communities around the state. Ashley C. Ford will be the inaugural featured speaker of the Indiana Authors Awards Tour. All events are free. However, seating is limited, and registration is required.

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