

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

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What makes Justin Cowan smile? "Working with the youth every single day and helping them get better and inspiring them to empower and everything like that," said the 25-year-old Noblesville resident, the teen director for Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville of eight years. Before being the teen director, he worked in the Club's games room. He is a 2015 graduate of Noblesville High School. He is the son of Brad and Kelly Cowan. "I just really like working with the youth. I'm interested in sports. I'm really into family....When I'm not working, I'm usually hanging out with family or friends." He was found in 2019 with Club kids and his team members, sister, Amanda Lavore, and Noah Green, Dewayne Simpson and Vivian Zahiga, pushing the winning bed across the finish line for The Club team at the 2019 Darlington Bed Race on the Courthouse Square to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. It was a first-time win for The Club team. The 2022 Darlington Bed Race will be at 7 p.m. Friday in downtown Noblesville where Ninth Street, between Logan and Conner streets, will be closed to vehicular traffic. The annual race has teams competing, pushing customized beds on wheels that they race half-way down the block, turn around and quickly push to the start-finish line. Proceeds raised from team entry fees go to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, which started in 1951 and in 2021 served 2,306 members. Admission is free to watch the Bed Race. For more info on the race, programs and how to donate to the club, visit www.bgcni.org. Also, going on Friday, the Noblesville Lions Club's annual Pork Chop Festival will serve 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the Square. Also on Friday, catch a Nickel Plate Express Caboose ride near the Carousel in Forest Park, ride around the park, and over the White River to the Noblesville Square, for events on the Square, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, with tickets \$5 per person round trip.

And Another Thing...

ROAD CLOSURE

On Monday, June 6, Cumberland Road between 96th Street and 106th Street will be closed to all thru traffic for the replacement of a large pipe. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes north and south of the hard closure (which is approximately 2,150' north of 96th Street), while thru traffic should use the posted detour route of 96th Street, Lantern Road, and 106th Street.

AND

On Wednesday, June 1, 2022, the intersection of 191st Street and Grassy Branch Road will be closed to all thru traffic for roundabout construction. Grassy Branch Road will be closed between 186th Street and 196th Street, and 191st Street will be closed between Flippins Road and Shady Nook Road. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic should use the posted detour route of 186th Street, East Street, 196th Street, and Moontown Road.

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Flags fly as U.S. Army Vietnam veteran James Martin speaks Monday morning during the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hamilton County War Memorial in downtown Noblesville.

Memorial Day Ceremony 'An Honor, Privilege And Duty'



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

U.S. Army Vietnam veteran James Martin always calls it his

"duty" to emcee the Noblesville Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hamilton County War Memorial in downtown Noblesville.

He welcomed the crowd -- this year a larger crowd than even before COVID -- to Monday morning's ceremony.

Martin was pleased "to see this many people," he said. "My golly."

The ceremony is a tradition made possible by the Ralph Lehr Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6246 and the Noblesville American Legion Frank Huntzinger Post 45.

The Navy Club USA Ship No. 29, the Indiana National Guard, retired military person-

nel and color guard were among the volunteers.

"I appreciate you all being here and all being part of it ... You guys make it all happen. Thank you very much," Martin said. "...I'm happy to see all you people here participating."

Although, he doesn't like to hear people say "Happy Memorial Day," he said, "because this isn't a happy day. This is a day of remembrance and a day of sacrifice."

The ceremony, he always has said, is "an honor" and "a privilege to do something for Memorial Day on the Square in

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Local Student Earns One-of-a-Kind Esports Scholarship to Ball State

Ball State University and Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing (RLL) have selected the first two recipients of a first-of-its-kind scholarship program for esports student-athletes, one of whom is a former Noblesville resident.

The Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing Scholarship provides \$5,000 annually to two members of Ball State's varsity esports team each year from the 2022-23 through 2025-26 academic years. The scholarship program, which advances the University's mission of recruiting and retaining the top esports talent in the world, is a key aspect of the recently formed partnership between Ball State and RLL, which is co-owned by television legend David Letterman, a 1969

Ball State graduate, 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Rahal and businessman Mike Lanigan.

The first recipients of the Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing Scholarship are:

- Rhett Crain, 18, from Noblesville, Ind. Mr. Crain, who specializes in the games iRacing and F1 2021, plans on majoring in Computer Science at Ball State.

- Ar Muhammad Aleef, a 23-year-old pro-level esports driver from Singapore. Mr. Aleef earned his diploma in Mechatronics, with a specialty in Robotics, from Temasek Polytechnic Singapore. At Ball State, he plans on majoring in Business Analytics.

In addition to being the first recipients of this scholarship,

these esports student-athletes will drive a Ball State/RLL-branded car in the upcoming INDYCAR video game upon its release in 2023.

"When considering the applicants for the Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing Scholarship, what made both Ar Muhammad Aleef and Rhett Crain stand out was their passion and experience in both sim racing and live racing," said Dan Marino, director of Ball State's esports program and head coach of the University's varsity esports team. "After getting to know both students better, it was clear that they didn't just see the RLL scholarship as a pathway for competition, but to be a part

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Breast cancer is not the number one killer of women - heart disease is. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship, don't ask what seat! Just get on."

- Sheryl Sandberg

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How does a train eat?
Chew, Chew!

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

I like to watch the news on TV. But I don't understand why they all say something is "breaking news" that happened hours before.



➔ OBITUARIES

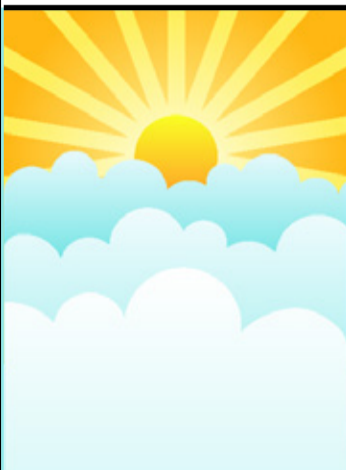
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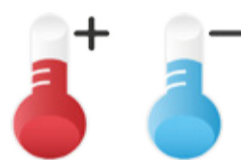
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- American Indian Citizenship Day
- National Leave the Office Early Day
- National Moonshine Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1946 Italy becomes a parliamentary republic
- 1953 Queen Elizabeth II is crowned
- 1979 Pope John Paul II becomes the first pontiff to visit a communist country



Births On This Day

- 1857 Edward Elgar English composer
- 1956 Mani Ratnam Indian director, producer, screenwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 1941 Lou Gehrig American baseball player
- 2008 Bo Diddley American singer-songwriter, guitarist

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Local Students Among Finalists for National Songbook Academy



Five Hamilton County students were named among the forty finalists for the National Songbook Academy, the premier event hosted by the Great American Songbook Academy. Those five are:

- **Ayaan Abbasi**, Carmel, Indiana; Carmel High School graduate, incoming freshman at Indiana University
- **Emmaline Colvin**, Carmel, Indiana; rising junior at Carmel High School
- **Seth Jacobsen**, Carmel, Indiana; rising senior at Carmel High School
- **Lauren Sciaudone**, Westfield, Indiana; rising senior at St. Theodore Guerin High School
- **Sarah Warf**, Carmel, Indiana; Carmel High School graduate, incoming freshman at Indiana University

From hundreds of applications nationwide, 40 finalists in total from 19 states have been selected to participate in this year's Songbook Academy summer intensive, the leading youth music program focused on the timeless standards of jazz, pop, Broadway and Hollywood.

Now in its 13th year, the Songbook Academy is the flagship education initiative of the Great American Songbook Foundation, providing an opportunity for talented high school performers to experience a life-changing week of classes, work-

shops and performances under the guidance of arts and entertainment professionals and leading university educators. This year's entertainment industry mentors will include Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein, Broadway/TV actor Shereen Ahmed, jazz and blues singer Nicole Henry, Broadway performer James T. Lane, jazz singer-musician Aubrey Logan and crossover singer Anthony Nunziata.

After being conducted online the past two years, the Academy is returning to an on-site format July 16-23 at the Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Starting June 3, tickets will be available for three public performance events at the Center's Palladium concert hall. Each will take place before a live audience and also will be livestreamed for viewers worldwide.

1. Public Masterclass

- 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 20

• Ten randomly selected participants will perform and receive real-time critiques from Michael Feinstein and Nicole Henry.

2. Songbook Showcase - 2-5 p.m. Thursday, July 21

• Each of the 40 national finalists will have a turn in the spotlight to perform a selected song.

3. Songbook Academy in Concert - 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

• Michael Feinstein will emcee as all 40 singers deliver solo and ensemble performances to demonstrate and celebrate their growth over the course of the week.

For the July 20-21 events, on-site tickets and livestream registration are pay-what-you-can with no minimum price. For the final concert, on-site tickets start at just \$25, and the livestream option is pay-what-you-can with a \$10 minimum. Tickets

will be available starting at 10 a.m. June 3 at TheCenterPresents.org or (317) 843-3800.

The Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation Mentor Champions support the involvement of the national faculty teams who guide and support the students throughout the week. This year's faculty includes music directors Jeff Harris, Russ Kassoff, Daryl Kojak, Beckie Menzie and Melanie Shore, along with vocal coaches Kathleen Hacker, Elaine Moebius, Lynne Rothrock and Catherine Walker. Additional guest clinicians will include contemporary vocal artist, arranger and educator Ly Wilder.

The Songbook Academy is sponsored nationally by the Efroymsen Family Fund and also supported by the City of Carmel and Salon 01. The Songbook Academy in Concert performance is part of the 2022-2023 Center Presents Season sponsored by

Allied Solutions and the Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series.

The other 2022 Songbook Academy finalists from Indiana are:

- **Ian Brooks**, Avon, Indiana; rising senior at Avon High School
- **Izzy Casciani**, Zionsville, Indiana; rising junior at Zionsville Community High School
- **Jonathan Grimes**, Avon, Indiana; Avon High School graduate, incoming freshman at Indiana University
- **Gemma Rollison**, Indianapolis, Indiana; rising senior, homeschooled
- **Maxwell Rutherford**, Mooresville, Indiana; Mooresville High School graduate, incoming freshman at IUPUI
- **Cooper Trigg**, Monrovia, Indiana; rising senior at Avon High School
- **Meghan Warmuth**, Indianapolis, Indiana; rising senior at Avon High School

Letters

Indy 500 Flyover Stirs Emotions

Dear Editor,

There is nothing more "Patriotic" than witnessing the six Military jets that fly in unison over the northern Indianapolis/Hamilton County area heading on their way to exhilarate the Indianapolis 500 Race attendees. Every year except during the Obama era, people on the north side of Indy have enjoyed these fighter jets thundering overhead in our skies while they practice the day before and on race

day coming and going. These jets fly so fast the sound resonates after they have flown by and that sound is as comparable as reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance to America". It makes the hair stand up on the back of your head and neck. God Bless America and our military men and women who pledge to defend our Constitution and the duty to protect the American people.

Mari Briggs
Sheridan

Letters

Writer: Beware of Fake Friends

Dear Editor,

Unfortunately, Ukraine has fake friends in the West and around the world. Ukraine was attacked by Russia. Thousands of peaceful, innocent Ukrainians have died. Russia devastated civilian housing, infrastructure, and living needs.

But Henry Kissinger and other "fake friends" warn the West not to humiliate Putin. What nonsense! Putin has already humiliated himself with his greedy, stupid, blood-thirsty decisions and actions.

The goal should be to defend Ukraine and save Ukrainian lives. To do that, the West must give Ukraine weapons that will strike into Russia! All the roads, bridges, and railways within 300 miles of the Ukrainian border must be destroyed. All the Russian air force bases within 300 miles of the border should be destroyed. The Russians use those roads,

bridges, and railways to bring more soldiers, weapons, munitions, food, and fuel to Russian forces already in Ukraine. Cutting off the new supplies and forces will help "starve" the Russian military in Ukraine so that it must stop fighting for lack of supplies. That will save Ukrainian lives.

If the West does not give weapons to strike into Russia, then the West is silently approving and supporting the Russian attack to eliminate Ukraine and Ukrainian people through a slow genocide.

What Adolph Hitler tried to do to Jews in the 20th century, Vladimir Putin is trying to do to Ukrainians in the 21st century. Putin is a modern day Hitler. Let's refer to him as "Putler". Let's give Ukraine what it needs to make the Russians hurt so much that they cry "Stop! We want peace!"

Woodrow Wilcox
Dyer, Ind.

While Argument Rages, Innocents Die



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

I have written several times about school shootings in the past. If there is a more heinous crime in today's world, I do not know what it is - and that's saying something. What I fail to understand is the outcry every time for more gun control laws.

STOP!
Before you take me behind the woodshed for being another gun-rights activist, please understand I am not.

I haven't fired a gun in decades. I am not a member of the NRA. My point is not about how America will be a better place with guns . . . or without. I do have some views on that, but could we save that argument for another day so we don't confuse the issue?

The issue is what's wrong with our society?

The issue is how far we have fallen from the nation that didn't see the slaughter of innocent children as often as we do today.

The issue is stronger prison sentences, even death penalties.

The issue is a lack of discipline in the home - and how can you blame mom and dad for not spanking their kids when they fear some sort of consequences from some

governmental alphabet agency somewhere.

The issue is the degradation of our society.

Here's a question for you: If we eliminate guns, will that eliminate the killing of children? I think not. Sick people are sick people. If it's not a gun it'll be something else.

Disagree? Then shouldn't we be doing away with cars to stop drunk driving and prevent morons from running people over on purpose? Do you hear anyone suggesting that?

For God's sake, we keep talking about the method and not the reason behind it.

Truth to tell, there are plenty of answers, but we don't seem to have the will, or perhaps the stomach, to implement them. The government could indeed help the family unit get stronger. How? Change taxes, change a lot of things so that every household doesn't have to have two incomes. Maybe give tax credits for one parent being a full-time homemaker.

And I'm sick of politicians telling us they can't do something. They seem to have found ways to hold office for decades and increase their personal wealth at the same time. They have helped create tax laws that take up volumes and are so complicated not even they understand them. If those hired hands wanted to give the family a true tax break, they could figure it out.

What else?

Bring the churches back into the fold. Stop outlawing the mention of God in our schools.

Speaking of schools,

give teachers the authority to discipline without fear of being sued.

Lastly, change the damn laws. If someone wants to do something wrong, make the penalty a true deterrent.

Look, I have never claimed to be the smartest guy in the room. But there are some things painfully obvious here.

We (and I don't care if you have been part of the following or not - last I looked "we" are still all Americans and supposedly on the same team) have been calling for the defunding of police for a few years now. We have become so soft as a nation that you can't tell someone they're wrong or disagree without the risk of sending them into counseling. We have lowered standards left and right to the point where people don't have to work hard to achieve anything anymore. And when they fall short, the government bails them out.

We have turned into a nation foolishly chasing utopia. We let the exceptions guide us while leaving the majority out of consideration. If there is one act of police brutality, mayors in metropolitan cities from one coast to another call for defunding the police. If one gay person is discriminated against, there's a national outcry on the 6 o'clock news.

If we're all being honest, we can agree that in a perfect world there would be no such thing as police brutality, racism and bias. In a perfect world, I would weigh 225 and have 5 percent body fat. In a perfect world, I'd be laying on a beach and

you'd be reading someone else's work right now. But you know what?

It. Ain't. A. Perfect. World.

Idiots will be idiots. Bigots will be bigots. Perhaps we can influence a few to grow in their humanity, but we'll never change them all.

We all know that, yet we all keep going down the same path of letting the exception rule the day.

Let's get back to the current argument. The left screams to eliminate guns - yet anybody want to bet what security guards for the Hollywood elite carry under their blazers? Conservatives scream that the right to bear arms can't even be discussed or the whole country will fall apart.

Do any of them look for common ground? Do any of them acknowledge that both sides have some valid points? Are any of them looking for real answers, or just for their side to win? Do any of them stop to consider that while they spend all their time making political statements and grandstanding more kids have died?

ENOUGH!

A friend sent me an e-mail the other day with a simple message: We are no longer accepting things we cannot change. It is now time to change the things we cannot accept.

It's well past time. But what are we going to do about it?

- Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Noblesville Lions Pork Chop & Chicken Dinner
Where: Noblesville Square, under the big tent
When: Friday, June 3rd from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
How much: Adults - \$10 (with ticket) or \$12 at the door; kids - \$5

Pancake Breakfast and Duck Race Hot Dogs
Where: Under the big tent (Breakfast) and Logan Street Bridge (Hot Dogs)
When: Saturday, June 4th, 7 - 11 a.m.; 12 - 3 p.m.
How much: Breakfast: \$5 per person; Hot Dogs: \$3 per person

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Humane Society for Hamilton County Launches Campaign to Raise \$150,000 in 30 Days



The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC)'s Annual Matching Campaign kicks off today, Wednesday, June 1st, 2022, with a record \$75,000 in pledges waiting to match donations dollar for dollar during the month. Donations made to the campaign between June 1-30 will have double the impact. \$50 becomes \$100, \$100 becomes \$200, \$500 becomes \$1000.

"This year, the Annual Matching Campaign is more important than ever. With increased costs and more animals in need than ever before, our need is dire," said Megan Davis, Director of Training and Communications at the Humane Society for Hamilton County. "Supporters have a chance

to maximize their gifts, and this only happens once a year."

HSHC depends on donations to fund the daily operation and all life-saving medical care for more than 4,000 animals each year. To donate to the Annual Matching Campaign, visit HamiltonHumane.com/Matching.

The mission of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is "Saving Lives. Educating Communities. Completing Families." HSHC serves as both the animal control facility and Humane Society for Hamilton County, and as such, receives partial funding (approximately 22%) from Hamilton County to fund the first seven days of an animal's basic care. The majority of HSHC's annual operating budget is funded by individual donations and its three annual fundraising events—Wine, Wags & Whiskers, Woofstock, and Tinsel &

Tails. HSHC is one of the only open-admission, truly "No-Kill" organizations in the United States in that it does not euthanize animals for time, space, treatable injuries, illnesses or rehabilitatable behavior issues regardless of age, breed, disability or special needs. HSHC also serves the community with a variety of unique programs like the Survivor Program (which funds the medical care and the rescue of over 1,000 animals at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters this year) and Pets Healing Vets (www.PetsHealingVets.com), which pairs Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD/TBI with emotional support pets at no cost to the veteran.

HSHC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is not a United Way Agency and is not affiliated with any other animal welfare group in the United States. For more information visit www.HamiltonHu

Lt. Governor Crouch, ISDA Seek Nominations for Distinguished Agricultural Leader Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 AgriVision Award, the highest agricultural honor presented by the state. This award, now in its 16th year, was established by the Lt. Governor and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders who are ensuring Indiana is, and remains, a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization.

The AgriVision Award is open to any Indiana resident and all sectors of the agriculture industry—from bioenergy to livestock to the agbiosciences. Any person or organization may submit a nomination through July 1, 2022.

"Indiana agriculture is in good hands thanks to its tireless leaders, advocates and supporters," said Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This award is an incredible way to recognize those who are dedicated to



ensuring agriculture continues to be a driving force in our state."

Previous AgriVision Award winners have included individuals who have made significant contributions to the agriculture industry, whether it's developing a new technology, managing an agribusiness or organization, or working to address a global issue.

"Indiana agriculture is at the forefront of innovation and soil conservation and is a leader in the majority the agricultural products we produce," said Bruce Kettler, Director of the State Department of Agriculture. "The AgriVision Award is a way to recognize individuals who are

working to ensure Indiana agriculture remains a vibrant, growing industry."

Award nominations will be accepted beginning June 1 and close on July 1. To nominate an individual, you must complete a form found on the ISDA website and email it to the department. Once a winner has been selected, the award will be presented by Lt. Governor Crouch and ISDA Director Kettler during the Celebration of Agriculture at the 2022 Indiana State Fair.

Visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/agrivision-award/> to learn more about the award and see a list of previous awardees or visit ISDA.IN.GOV.

Consumer Alert from AG Todd Rokita: Products Recalled in May



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to be aware of products that were recalled in May. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Hoosier consumers have the right to know if items sitting around their homes are flawed or have the potential for unexpected danger. This month, a number of recalled products

are child-related, so I encourage parents and caregivers to pay careful attention," Attorney General Rokita said. "Consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office for help."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

- BIBS Baby Bottles from BIBS Denmark ApS
- Heckler 9 Electric Bicycles from Santa Cruz Bicycles
- GreenSpeed Magnum Recumbent Trikes from WizWheelz
- Infant Clothes from Winter Water Factory
- Children's Robes from NewCosplay
- Children's Robes from Linum Home Textiles
- Wolverine RMAX Off-Road Side-By-Side

- Vehicles from Yamaha
- Hover-1 Superfly Hoverboards from DGL Group
- Coffee Cups from Moderne Glass Company
- Children's Pajamas from Free Birdees
- Wonder & Wise Activity Tables from Asweets
- Children's Sleepwear from Copper Pearl

If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to May, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

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Indiana State Fair Announces First Wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts for 2022

Yesterday, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the first wave of its 2022 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The first wave announcement for 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

KANSAS - Friday, July 29 (opening day)
Chaka Khan - Wednesday, August 3
Zach Williams - Sunday, August 14
Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 17
Carly Pearce - Friday, August 19

High Resolution Artist Images are Available by Request or By Visiting the State Fair Media Center Photo Gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.com.

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery has enjoyed a great relationship with the Indiana State Fair for many years. This year we are proud to sponsor the popular Free Stage that features a variety of outstanding talent. The Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all fairgoers."

The 2022 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 29 and runs through August 21, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair.com



or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will be Fun at the Speed of Summer with the theme of Celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group.

This classic rock band from Topeka, Kan., nearing five decades in the classic rock scene, has become one of the most influential rock bands to date. Kansas, composed of Phil Ehart, Billy Greer, Ronnie Platt, David Ragsdale, Tom Brislin, and Richard Williams, appeared on the Billboard charts for more than 200 weeks throughout the '70's and '80's and played sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. Their songs have appeared in many shows like "Supernatural," "South Park," "The Office," and "The Simpsons;" and with films including "Old School," "Anchorman," and "Happy Gilmore."

Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Activist - Chaka Khan is one of the world's most gifted and celebrated musicians, with a rich musical legacy, the 10-time GRAMMY® Award-winner is looking forward to a celebration of a lifetime. A songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur and activist, Chaka Khan has influenced generations of recording artists. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. Affectionately known around the world as Chaka, she is revered by millions of fans as well as her peers for her timeless, classic and unmatched signature mu-

sic style and ability. The late, great Miles Davis often said, "She [Chaka] sings like my horn." And the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin says, "[Chaka] is a one-of-a-kind, premier vocalist."

GRAMMY award winning Contemporary Christian artist Zach Williams aims to share his story of how he found his faith, with honesty and clarity into his troubled past. Zach is a Tennessee-based Christian singer that infuses outlaw country, the dirt-road grit of southern rock, and the contemporary roots music of alt-country into his sound to create a unique and special way to spread his passion for God, and share how he stays on the path of being Christian. He grew to popularity with his debut album "Chain Breaker," winning GRAMMY® award Best Contemporary Christian album, as well as the GMA Dove Awards 2017 New Artist of the Year and 2018 Artist of the Year.

The Happy Together Tour consists of six bands: The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cowsills. These bands that had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles. This group's members include: Howard Kaylan, Mark Volman, Al Nichol, Chuck Portz, and Don Murray. With the exception of Don, all original members are alive today, making this band's live songs truly original.

Carly Pearce is a young country singer on the rise, releasing her first album in

2017. Her Platinum-certified No. 1 song "I Hope You're Happy Now" with artist Lee Brice has earned CMA nominations for New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and won Musical Event of the Year. She has exploded in the country scene touring alongside Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. The past two years this Kentucky native has won CMA awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2021 and Female Artist of the Year in 2022. She is now on her third studio album, "29: Written in Stone," and has been nominated 22 times for numerous awards since these three albums have been released.

For over 30 years, Hoosier Lottery distributions have benefited every county throughout Indiana. The Hoosier Lottery has contributed more than \$6 billion to good causes, including \$30 million to local police and firefighters' pensions and \$30 million to the Teachers' Retirement Fund annually. The Hoosier Lottery has earned World Lottery Association Level 4 Certification through 2024 for achieving the highest level of responsible gaming. To learn more about the Hoosier Lottery, visit HoosierLottery.com/GivingBack and follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Download Hoosier Lottery logos here.

The Indiana State Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days bring all communities together to celebrate all things Indiana and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across the state, and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering great entertainment, showcasing youth and interactive agriculture educational programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since 1852. This year's Indiana State Fair will take place July 29th - August 21st (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit www.indianastatefair.com



Photo courtesy of ISDA

The winner in the Overall category in the 2021 Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The photo is titled "Newborn" by Ross Waitt from Sheridan.

Submissions Now Open for 15th Annual Indiana State Agriculture Photo Contest

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is now accepting submissions for the 15th annual Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest. The contest is open to all Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape.

"Each year I look forward to seeing the exceptional photos shared through this contest that capture the essence of Indiana agriculture," said Lt. Gov Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "We welcome all Hoosiers to submit their photos."

Participants are encouraged to submit photos reflecting the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

On the Farm: Showcasing any building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm.

Faces of Agriculture: Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel and fiber in Indiana.

Agritourism: Spotting Indiana's seasonal and agricultural destinations, such as orchards, wineries and farmers markets.

Conservation: Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with landscapes, water and wildlife.

In total, ten winners will be selected: two from each category and two overall. Winners will be invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized and receive certificates from Crouch and Indiana State Department

of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler. Contest winners will also have their photographs featured in the offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis throughout the year.

"This photo contest, now in its 15th year, is an incredible representation of the strength, diversity and beauty of our state's agriculture industry," Kettler said. "I look forward to seeing this year's submissions."

Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format accommodated by a submission form for each photo. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on June 30, 2022.

Visit <https://www.in.gov/isda/programs-and-initiatives/indiana-state-department-of-agriculture-photo-contest/> for entry forms, guidelines and criteria or visit ISDA.IN.GOV.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

Meeting Notes

Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety

Meeting Agenda
 Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Council Chambers City Hall, One Civic Square
 1. Meeting Called To Order

2. Minutes
 a. Minutes from the May 18, 2022, Regular Meeting

3. Bid/Quote Awards
 a. Bid Award for Ditch Road Water Main Extension Project; John Duffy, Director of the Department of Utilities

b. Quote Award for Project 22-STR-01 Quote-Keystone Crack Sealing; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

4. Performance Bond Release/Reduction Approval Requests

a. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-04; Napleton Kia; Erosion Control; EFN North Indy Properties, LLC

b. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-05; GetGo - 146th and Gray; Right of Way; Giant Eagle, Inc.

c. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-06; Hadley Grove; Erosion Control; M/I Homes of Indiana

5. Contracts
 a. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Kausal Oy; (\$18,000.00); Climate Action Services; Addendum to Service Agreement - ongoing; TABLED; Mike Holli-

baugh, Director of the Department of Community Services

b. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Traliant Holdings, LLC; (\$4,798.36); Culture of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Program; TABLED; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

c. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CrossRoad Engineers, P.C.; (\$189,390.00); 20-ENG-13 - Veterans Way - City Center to Walnut and Duke Energy Distribution Relocation Plans Preliminary Engineering; Jeremy Kashman, Director of the Department of Engineering

d. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Specialized Land Services, Inc.; (\$2,075.00); 20-ENG-02 - Buying Services - Parcel 10 - 106th and College RAB; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, Director of the Department of Engineering

e. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-01; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; DD Dannar, LLC; (\$971,380.00); Dannar 480 3-Phase - Dannar MPS 4.00 with 500kWh

f. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-02; A Resolu-

tion of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; INDOT LPA; TIP Maximum Amount (\$337,500.00); Project Coordination Contract #62722, Des. No: 2200154; Jeremy Kashman, Director of the Department of Engineering

g. Resolution BPW 06-01-22-03; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; INDOT LPA; TIP Maximum Amount (\$319,500.00); Project Coordination Contract #62641 Des. No: 2200152; Jeremy Kashman, Director of the Department of Engineering

h. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc.; (\$102,500.60); Striping; Additional Services Amendment #2; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

i. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; StreetScan, Inc.; (\$68,542.00) per annum; Pavement Scanning and Software; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

j. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; RTS Water Solutions, LLC; (\$69,875.98); Water Meter Replacement; CO #1; John Duffy, Director of the Department

of Utilities

k. Request for Agreement Between Owner and Contractor; TPI Utility Construction, LLC; (\$912,990.00); Ditch Road Water Main Extension Project; John Duffy, Director of the Department of Utilities

l. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Gordon Flesch Company, Inc.; (\$2,965.20) per annum; B&C Copier - Model IR ADV DX C38351 - 48 Month Lease; Additional Services Amendment; Mike Hollibaugh, Director of the Department of Community Services

m. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Tandem Mobility, LLC; (\$90,000.00); Renewal Term May 6, 2022 - May 5, 2023; Amendment No. 1 to Master Services Agreement; Mike Hollibaugh, Director of the Department of Community Services

n. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Municipal Emergency Services, Inc.; (\$30,383.79); Ballistic Vests and Helmets; Additional Services Amendment; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

o. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Stryker Sales, LLC; (\$27,360.00); LifePak 15 Preventative Maintenance; Additional Services Amendment;

Chief David Haboush,

Carmel Fire Department
 p. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Maxwell Lightning Protection Company; (\$9,250.00); Carmel Data Center - Lightning Protection; James Crider, Director of Administration

6. Request to Use City Streets/Property

a. Request to Use Midtown Plaza and Parking Spaces; Community Blood Drive with Bloodmobile - Allied Solution and Versiti Blood Center of Indiana; June 16, 2022; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Janice Spickelmier, Versiti

b. Request to Use Midtown Plaza; Book Giveaway - in Conjunction with Movies at Midtown; June 16, 2022; 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Andrew Myers, Cook Creek Family Health

c. Request to Amend CarmelFest Use Request; Originally Approved on April 20, 2022; Adding a No Parking Zone Request to Accommodate Parade Traffic on 1st Ave NE and 2nd ST NE; July 4, 2022; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Steven Krusie, CarmelFest

d. Request to Use Base of the South Palladium Steps and Street Closure of Carter Green Loop; Center Celebration 2022 - Presented by Krieg DeVault; September 16, 2022; 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Tent: September 15 - September 19, 2022; Ramona Adams, Center for the Performing Arts

e. Request to Use Mobile Stage; Indy GreekFest - Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral Parking Lot Greenspace; August 26, 2022 at 8 a.m. - August 27, 2022 at 11 p.m.; Gordon Bennett

f. Request to Use Civic Square Gazebo; Family Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo; Wednesday Evenings June 1, 2022 - September 28, 2022; 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Melanie Brewer, City of Carmel

g. Request to Acknowledge Use of Midtown Plaza; Midtown Anniversary Celebration; May 27, 2022; 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Melanie Brewer, City of Carmel

7. Other
 a. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 4958 St. Charles Place; Murphy, Homeowners

b. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 13062 Thurmond Way; Hofinger, Homeowners

c. Request for Road Closure / Sidewalk Closure / Open Pavement Cut; 275 Veterans Way; F.A. Wilhelm

d. Request for Small Cell Permit; Permit #SC-2022-00003; Two Locations - 1858 W 106th Street Cluster 12 Node 23 and 1176 W Main Street Cluster 12 Node 28; AT&T

e. Request for Small Cell Permit; Permit #SC-2022-00004; 4797 E 106th Street Cluster 16 Node 01; AT&T

8. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Noblesville Schools Board of School Trustees Special Session

Educational Services Center Board Room
 18025 River Road, Noblesville, Indiana
 Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6 p.m.

The items on this agenda are being addressed

with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Moment of Silence
 4. Public Comment

The board provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the board with current meeting agenda items only, pursuant to Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at

Board Meeting

5. Consent
 By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be moved from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

A. Personnel
 6. Action

By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

A. Approval of Superintendent and Contract

B. Additional Appropriation 2022 Budget

C. Policy Adoption

7. Adjournment

A. The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Notice

Noblesville Redevelopment Commission

The Noblesville Rede-

velopment Commission will meet in special session on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 South 10th Street.

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USDA to Allow Requests for Termination of Contracts for Conservation Reserve Program



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will allow Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants who are in the final year of their CRP contract to request voluntary termination of their CRP contract following the end of the primary nesting season for fiscal year 2022. Participants approved for this one-time, voluntary termination will not have to repay rental payments, a flexibility implemented this year to help mitigate the global food supply challenges caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other factors. Today, USDA also announced additional flexibilities for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

“Putin’s unjustified invasion of Ukraine has cut off a critical source of wheat, corn, barley, oilseeds, and cooking oil, and we’ve heard from many producers who want to better understand their options to help respond to global food needs,” said Julia A. Wickard, USDA’s Farm Service Agency State Executive Director in Indiana. “This announcement will help producers make informed decisions about land use and conservation options.”

FSA is mailing letters to producers with expiring acres that detail this flexibility and share other options, such as re-enrolling sensitive acres in the CRP Continuous signup and considering growing organic crops. Producers will be asked to make the request for voluntary termination in writing through their local USDA Service Center.

If approved for voluntary termination, preparations can occur after the conclusion of the primary nesting season. Producers will then be able to hay, graze, begin land preparation activities and plant a fall-seeded crop before October 1, 2022. For land in colder climates, this flexibility may allow for better establishment of a winter wheat crop or better prepare the land for spring planting.

Organic Considerations: Since CRP land typically does not have a recent history of pesticide or herbicide application, USDA is encouraging producers to consider organic production. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial assistance to help producers plan and implement conservation practices, including those that work well for organic operations, such as pest management and mulching. Meanwhile, FSA offers cost-share for certification costs and other fees.

Other CRP Options: Participants can also choose to enroll all or part of their expiring acres into the Continuous CRP signup for 2022. Important conservation benefits may still be achieved by re-enrolling sensitive acres such as buffers or wetlands. Expiring water quality practices such as filter strips, grass waterways, and riparian buffers may be eligible to be reenrolled under the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) and CLEAR 30 options under CRP. Additionally, expiring continuous CRP practices such as shelterbelts, field windbreaks, and other buffer practices may also be re-enrolled to provide benefits for organic farming operations.

If producers are not planning to farm the land from their expiring CRP contract, the Transition Incentives Program (TIP) may also provide them two additional annual rental payments after their contract expires on the condition that they sell or rent their land to a beginning or veteran farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group.

Producers interested in the Continuous CRP signup, CLEAR 30, or TIP should contact FSA by Aug. 5, 2022.

NRCS Conservation Programs: USDA also encourages producers to consider NRCS conservation programs, which help producers integrate conservation on croplands, grazing lands and other agricultural landscapes. EQIP and CSP can help producers plant cover crops, manage nutrients and improve irrigation and grazing systems. Additionally, the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), or state or private easement programs, may be such an option. In many cases, a combination of approaches can be taken on the same parcel. For example, riparian areas or other sensitive parts of a parcel may be enrolled in continuous CRP and the remaining land that is returned to farming can participate in CSP or EQIP and may be eligible to receive additional ranking points.

Other Flexibilities to Support Conservation: Additionally, NRCS is also offering a new flexibility for EQIP and CSP participants who have cover cropping including in their existing contracts. NRCS will allow participants to either modify their plans to plant a cover crop (and instead shift to a conservation crop rotation) or delay their cover crop plans a year, without needing to terminate the existing contract. This will allow for flexibility to respond to market signals while still ensuring the conservation benefits through NRCS financial and technical assistance for participating producers.

More Information: Producers and landowners can learn more about these options by contacting FSA and NRCS at their local USDA Service Center.

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Noblesville.” And the ceremony is similar every year and includes many traditions, including inviting the Noblesville Mayor to speak at the ceremony.

“This is a wonderful crowd this morning,” said Mayor Chris Jensen. He thanked the VFW and the American Legion for helping to coordinate the ceremony. “They’ve become even better partners over the last several years. Thank you for always inviting me to be a part of this.”

While Memorial Day “can be a somber day,” he said, “...I join you all in mourning and remembering those lives lost. But I do so with hopeful optimism for the future of our country. We gather today to remember those lives

that were given in sacrifice of freedom, and it’s something that we should continue to remember and talk about for generations to come.”

Jensen said, “... Freedom everyday is under assault in this country and this world, and so we must continue to take pride in what we have here in this great country ... We gather with a heavy heart today to remember those but also to thank all of you who have served and all of you who will continue to inspire future generations to serve going forward.”

He said, “Noblesville is a blessed community, a community of 70,000 residents that I genuinely believe take pride in our veterans who celebrate and honor those veterans who have served before them

who continue to celebrate and talk to future generations of veterans who will come before.”

Jensen said, “Today we do have solemn hearts as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we may stand on this beautiful plaza on this gorgeous Memorial Day weekend and remember their sacrifice and gather with each other.”

Martin asked veterans in attendance to raise their hands. “My salute to all of you. Thank you for being here. You’re what made this thing possible,” he said.

Before the ceremony, Martin researched articles on Memorial Day. Parties, parades and poppies.

“Memorial Day isn’t just a day off and the beginning of summer. It

really honors the sacrifices, those sacrifices that U.S. military personnel have made to defend our freedom. Memorial Day was originally created to commemorate the lives of those veterans who were lost in the Civil War, both Union and Confederate. It goes back to 1868; in fact, the very first Memorial Day speech was made by a gentleman named James A. Garfield, who went on to become President No. 20 of the United States.”

Memorial Day was known as Declaration Day until 1971 when it became Memorial Day. The date of Memorial Day was changed from May 30 to the last Monday in the month of May “so we could have a three-day weekend,” Martin noted. “Some got drafted.

Some chose to enlist. We all chose to serve,” he said.

“Today is a day of remembrance, a day of gratitude and a day of patriotism ... We can’t repay what veterans have done for us, but I hope you will use this holiday as an opportunity to recognize the importance of democracy, freedom of speech and all of the other rights that are guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution.”

He also made mention of the Noblesville fallen hero, the late Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Ammerman, who was killed in action on Dec. 3, 2014, in the Zabul province of Afghanistan.

Veterans waved American flags. They donned military ball caps denoting their branch of service or the war in which they

served. And Paul Clark of Noblesville spoke and thanked the veterans and shared about the Battle-field Memorial monument that was behind him. The ceremony also included the annual laying of the wreath by American Legion Post Commander John Morris. Legion and VFW chaplain Jim Eichelberger gave prayers.

The ceremony was followed by a 21-gun rifle salute and Taps and reading of the names of veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery and a Remembrance Service at Crownland Cemetery, with rifle salute and Taps also at those locations. A pitch-in lunch followed all of the ceremonies at the VFW.

- Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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Photo courtesy of Ball State University

Rhhett Crain (left) and Ar Muhammad Aleef (right) pose with David Letterman and their competition jerseys. Letterman, a 1969 Ball State graduate, is a co-owner of RLL, an IndyCar racing team which sponsored the scholarship for Ball State.

of something larger within our esports program and through opportunities with RLL.”

The partnership between

Ball State and RLL—established in February—has provided other opportunities for students engaged in Ball State’s esports

program. This month, for example, several Ball State Esports students took advantage of an exclusive opportunity to visit with

and observe members of the RLL racing team in action at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as they prepared for the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500.

“We share in Ball State’s excitement and pride in welcoming the first two recipients of the Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing Scholarship,” said Tom Knox, senior vice president of sales and marketing for RLL. “When we announced the formation of RLL Esport in 2021, we knew the esports industry would be an exciting new way for us to stay engaged to our partners, our fans, and the entire racing community. Since that time, in partnering with Ball State and its esports program, we continue to find new and innovative ways to tap into the young, bright minds of the future, while also

giving back to our community, our state, and our sport.”

“As Indiana continues to grow, it expands educational opportunities and partnerships that allow for great advancements in racing and esports,” Mr. Helmling said. “A racing team like Rahal Letterman Lanigan teaming up with Ball State University is a prime example of how our state is working diligently to attract and retain innovative talent, and illustrates that Hoosier partnerships are leading the way with evolutionary thinking.”

For Dr. Paaige Turner, dean of Ball State’s College of Communication, Information, and Media (CCIM), which houses the University’s esports program, having one of the few varsity esports sim racing programs in the country, backed by a

unique partnership with a professional racing team, allows the college to attract top talent not only in gaming, but in other areas such as media, film, entertainment production, news and more.

“Sim racing as a genre in esports is gaining a tremendous amount of popularity each year, and we see it as an incredible opportunity for our University to be on the cutting edge of the collegiate esports industry,” Dean Turner said. “Adding the layer of the Rahal Letterman Lanigan partnership on top of this, students with a passion for racing can have the curtain pulled back to see how an incredible organization like RLL works behind the scenes, while also making connections and gaining experience to propel them into fulfilling careers and meaningful lives.”

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1. What percentage of people live in Seymour? \geq
2. How old is Jackson County? \leq
3. How many more people live in Seymour than Brownston? \geq
4. What is the population density of the county? \leq

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 Answers: 1. About 41.3% 2. 203 Years
 3. Around 14,556 People 4. 82 / sq. mi.

Did You Know?

- Jackson County was founded in 1816 and named after General Andrew Jackson.
- Brownstown, the county seat, has a total population of 2,947 residents.
- The county has the second longest 3-span covered bridge in the world; The Medora Covered Bridge.
- The largest city in the county, Seymour, is 12.1 square miles and has 17,503 residents.
- The county is 513.91 square miles and has a population of 42,376 residents.

Got Words?

Every year the Pepsi Plunge, a competitive swim event, takes place at the Shield's Park Pool in Seymour. The event attracts thousands of competitive swimmers. How do you think events such as the Pepsi Plunge impact small communities?

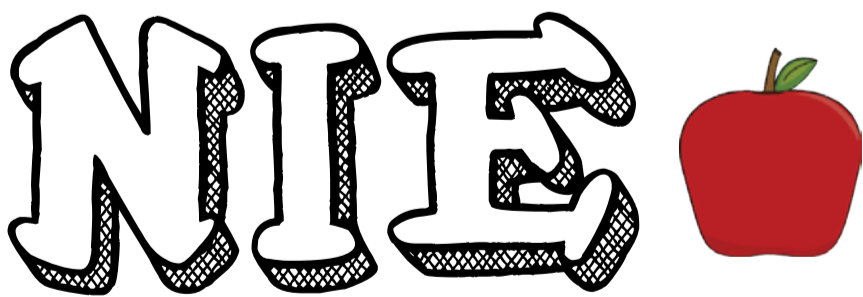
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

1. ONTNWORSB
2. OEDCEVR IEBRDG
3. MSEYRUO
4. SEPIP NPUGLE
5. OKCSJNA YUOCTN

Answers: 1. Brownstown 2. Covered Bridge 3. Seymour
 4. Pepsi Plunge 5. Jackson County

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Rock And Roll Up Your Sleeve: Give Blood With The Red Cross

Elvis Presley is known for being the first global rock and roll icon. He was also a blood donor himself! While times have changed, the need for blood has not. Donors can leave a lasting legacy themselves by making a lifesaving blood donation with the American Red Cross.

In honor of the new Baz Luhrmann film, Elvis, all who come to give in the month of June will be automatically entered for a chance to win a VIP trip to Graceland for two, including round-trip airfare to Memphis, plus a three-night stay at The Guest House and Elvis Entourage VIP tour, courtesy of Graceland, a custom-wrapped Gibson Epiphone guitar and more. Additionally, those who come to donate June 1-30 will also receive a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

It's critically important the Red Cross maintain a stable blood supply for patients this summer. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Final days of COVID-19 antibody testing

All Red Cross blood,

platelet and plasma donations are being tested for COVID-19 antibodies through June 3. Donors can learn if their donation has the antibody levels needed to potentially help COVID-19 patients with a weakened immune system.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to wear a socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at

least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Cruz-RojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

CareSource Supports The Milk Bank With \$4,500 Donation Amid Formula Shortage

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, announced today a \$4,500 donation to The Milk Bank to sponsor 1,000 ounces of human milk as part of the organization's Give an Ounce campaign. The gift is part of CareSource's larger effort to increase access to adequate infant nutrition while the country is experiencing an unprecedented shortage of infant formula.

"CareSource recognizes the importance of safe, affordable and accessible nutrition for infants and members and wants to help," said Dr. Cameal Wright, MD, VP, market chief medical officer of CareSource Indiana. "Leveraging our existing partnership with The Milk Bank can support families navigating this crisis."

The Milk Bank can provide up to 40 ounces of donor milk without a prescription. Requests for donor milk have increased 89% since May 1st and requests for financial assistance to obtain donor milk have increased 200%.

"The Milk Bank's long-term strategy in addressing this unprecedented shortage is to continue to advance breastfeeding as a primary pillar of infant health," said Sarah Long, clinical director of The Milk Bank. "However, we must also provide immediate relief for struggling families who may need support in accessing a safe feeding option for their infants. The continued support CareSource has provided will make more milk available to mothers and families in critical need."

To discuss your family's needs, call The Milk Bank at 317-536-1670 or complete the application online at themilkbank.org/recipient-app.

CareSource is a nonprofit, nationally recognized managed care organization with over 2 million members. Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio since its

founding in 1989, CareSource administers one of the largest Medicaid managed care plans in the U.S. The organization offers health insurance, including Medicaid, Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare Advantage and dual-eligible programs. Through its network of health plans, CareSource serves members in Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. The company is leading the way in serving populations with complex needs and extended its presence into 12 additional states with the acquisition of The Columbus Organization, a trusted partner to health care agencies and provider organizations in improving coordination and support for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges through its staffing, quality improvement and care coordination services. As a mission-driven organization, CareSource is transforming health care with innovative programs that address the social determinants of health, health equity, prevention and access to care.

For more, visit www.caresource.com, follow @caresource on Twitter, or like CareSource on Facebook.

The Milk Bank is a non-profit tissue bank dispensing more than 400,000 ounces of pasteurized donor human milk to hospitals and families throughout the region every year. The Milk Bank improves health outcomes for premature and ill infants, foster better health for children and decreases health care expenditures. The Milk Bank follows the strictest safety standards informed by the CDC and FDA and is a proud member of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBA-NA). Visit https://www.themilkbank.org/ to learn more.

Ag Groups Call For Withdrawal Of Solicitor General's Supreme Court Brief On Glyphosate

In a letter to President Biden, 54 agricultural groups expressed grave concern with a recent amicus brief submitted by the U.S. Solicitor General to the Supreme Court advising the court against taking up a case regarding pesticide labels. The groups, including the American Farm Bureau Federation, American Soybean Association, National Corn Growers Association, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Cotton Council, and American Sugarbeet Growers Association, listed in full here in the letter, called on the president to swiftly withdraw the brief. They warned the new policy would set a dangerous precedent that threatens the science-based regulatory process. The groups are worried this new policy, along with having environmental impacts, could ultimately hinder the ability of U.S. farmers to help meet growing global food needs intensified by the invasion of Ukraine.

In the May 10 brief, the Solicitor General advised the court against taking up a case concerning whether state pesticide labels can conflict with federal labels.

Brad Doyle, soy farmer from Arkansas and

president of the American Soybean Association, stated, "Federal law is clear that pesticide labels cannot be false or misleading. Allowing states to require health warnings contrary to decades of sound science is beyond disturbing and obviously not in line with federal law. I and other farmers are concerned this new policy will open the floodgate to a patchwork of state labels that will undermine grower access to safe, effective pesticides needed to farm productively and sustainably."

At question is whether the state of California can require a cancer warning label for the popular herbicide glyphosate when thousands of studies, decades of robust scientific consensus, and numerous global regulatory bodies—including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—agree the herbicide is not a carcinogen.

The new position expressed by the Solicitor General is a stunning reversal from previous, bipartisan administrative policy. The brief asserts federal law and regulations do not prevent states from imposing their own labeling requirements, even if those labels run counter to federal findings.

"Supplying wheat to the world is more important than ever given the unprecedented times with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Together, Russia and Ukraine make up one-third of the world's wheat exports, and the disruptions we are seeing will certainly impact food supply," said National Association of Wheat Growers President and Washington wheat farmer, Nicole Berg. "Aside from the war, U.S. wheat growers are experiencing extreme weather conditions threatening the quality of their crops this year. 75% of the winter wheat production in the U.S. is in a severe drought. NAWG is concerned this new policy would undermine access to safe and effective crop protection tools that play a critical role in helping feed the world."

AFBF President Zippy Duvall said, "Farmers utilize science-backed crop protection tools on their farms to produce safe, nutritious food. Allowing labels that conflict with existing conclusions and EPA studies will add to a greater misunderstanding of the crucial role pesticides play in enabling farmers to grow healthy, affordable food for America's families."

Nate Hultgren, sugar-

beet farmer from Minnesota and president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association said, "Farmers can't meet consumers' food security needs and help address climate change if the safe crop protection products we use and desperately need are undermined by the states. Allowing states to supersede federal pesticide labeling requirements will create massive uncertainty, confusion and add to significant supply chain disruptions."

"In the coming months, farmers will have to work even harder to address worldwide food shortages, and a patchwork of state regulations will jeopardize access to the critical farm supplies they need," said National Corn Growers Association President Chris Edgington. "We hope the Biden administration will reverse its position on this issue."

The groups call on President Biden to withdraw the brief. They also encourage the president to consult with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to better understand the implications of this decision for science-based regulation, as well as food security and environmental sustainability.

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Salvation Army Prepares For Increased Food Demand As Enhanced SNAP Benefits End

June 1st marks the end of emergency enhanced SNAP benefits for Hoosiers statewide. In anticipation of increased demand, The Salvation Army Indiana Division is working to ensure that feeding programs and food pantries run by the organization across the state can continue to meet the needs of their communities.

Indiana's COVID-19 public health emergency ended on March 3, 2022, making May 31 the final day that SNAP recipients would receive the maximum benefit allowed in accordance to the number of people in their household. Starting on June 1, benefits will be based on a formula that includes several eligibility factors, including household income. A permanent adjustment to the program made in October 2021 means that most households will receive higher benefits than they did pre-pandemic, but they will still experience a drop from May to June.

The USDA has provided examples of how these changes will affect households of difference sizes and circumstances. These can be seen by visiting the online "SNAP Benefits - COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond" page of the USDA website.

The Salvation Army has already seen an increase in visits to its food pantries and hot food programs over the past several months as inflation has made it harder for Hoosiers to put food on the table. According to the USDA, between April

2021 and April 2022 grocery store prices have risen by 10.8 percent. Fresh produce, milk, eggs, and meat prices are continuing to skyrocket with farm-level egg prices predicted to increase us to 76.5 percent in 2022. These higher prices mean that struggling households are bringing home less food each time they go to the store, pushing them to find supplemental food at organizations like The Salvation Army.

"The cost of food, housing, medical, and transportation has not been put into consideration regarding the ending of the pandemic emergency funds," said Dena Simpson, Divisional Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army Indiana Division. "Individuals and families are in recovery mode and facing a number of challenges."

These challenges include:

- Drained savings and strained finances
- Loss and/or change in housing and utility needs
- Increased instances of domestic violence
- Ongoing COVID-related medical needs
- Loss of primary income provider for the family
- Larger households with combined and extended families
- Changes in childcare and educational needs and routines

With inflation outpacing wage increases, the results have been devastating. The Salvation Army is working with partner organizations, food banks, donors, and community volunteers to

meet the increased demand. Food costs continue to rise for The Salvation Army, as well, as provider food banks like Feeding America anticipate spending 40 percent more to purchase bulk food in 2022 compared to 2021.

In addition to providing food in many of the communities where The Salvation Army serves, the organization is also helping struggling households with financial assistance to help with rent and mortgages, high utility bills, prescription costs, and gas cards to get to work and medical care.

In Logansport, IN, The Salvation Army's food pantry, "The Lord's Cupboard," offers food boxes to local families on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These boxes often include household goods and often clothing to help families make ends meet. This ministry is in addition to a lunchtime feeding program that operates Monday through Friday and provides around 300 hot meals to individuals in need each week. With inflation and supply chain issues putting additional strain on the program, The Salvation Army's administrator, Lieutenant Elis Pomaes Morales, is working harder than ever to keep up with increased need in his community.

"We are blessed to have Tyson meat processing here in town," Lt. Elis said. "They give large donations to meat to Emmaus Mission Center, who then shares it with our food

programs. The U.S. Postal Service also held a food drive, which has helped to keep our pantry stocked. All of these donations help us with the cost of food, but last year we could prepare a meal for just \$2.50 and today it costs between \$3.00 and \$3.25 per meal."

The chicken donations are especially appreciated, as the USDA recently reported that the price of chicken rose 27.9 percent between March 2021 and April 2022.

Other large Salvation Army feeding programs across the state are having to find creative ways to keep down costs while meeting increased need. In Evansville, IN, the daily feeding program provided over 188,000 meals to the community in 2021. They are depending on the generosity of donors, food suppliers, and volunteers to keep up in 2022 and the expected jump they will see over the summer.

"The Salvation Army Indiana Division is anticipating an increase of individuals and families facing food insecurities," Dena Simpson added. "Our pantries across the state need supplies as we continue to meet the needs of families in our communities and offset the exorbitant cost of housing, transportation, medical, and other needs we consider basic."

For more information about The Salvation Army's response to food insecurity in Indiana, contact Dena Simpson directly at dena.simpson@usc.salvationarmy.org.

The Next Level Conservation Trust

The Department of Natural Resources announced today the establishment of the Next Level Conservation Trust, a program which will acquire property that will become part of the public trust and be protected for future generations of Hoosiers to use and enjoy.

The state will initially invest \$25 million in the program, which is an extension of the Bicentennial Nature Trust program and will incorporate elements from the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust.

"The Next Level Conservation Trust will continue the DNR's legacy of preserving Indiana's rich natural heritage," said DNR Director Dan

Bortner. "Outstanding natural features, unique habitats, significant historical and archeological sites, and areas for conservation, restoration, and recreation will be protected for Hoosiers today and for future generations."

An additional 25 percent of funding will come through a private funding match program.

Property protected under NLCT will be open to the public. The program is flexible to allow local ownership and management of acquired properties through a conservation easement.

Additional information on the program can be found at on.IN.gov/next-level-conservation-trust.

Grants Available For Field Trips To State Parks, Lakes

Educators interested in taking K-12 students on field trips to an Indiana state park or state-managed lake in the 2022-2023 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF).

Grants from the Discover the Outdoors fund are available for public, private, parochial, or home-school educators, according to INRF executive director Jody Kress.

"The Foundation's mission is to celebrate and preserve Indiana's natural legacy," Kress said. "This grant gives children an adventure that showcases some of Indiana's natural and cultural treasures and teaches the importance of protecting and preserving them for everyone to enjoy."

Since the grant program's inception in 2013, a total of 153 grants have been awarded, providing the opportunity for more than 17,000 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students.

Indiana has 24 state parks, eight state-managed lakes, two state recreation areas, and two off-road state recreation areas eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats, conservation, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

"These trips help children understand how previous generations

viewed the significance of Indiana's natural and cultural resources, and at the same time let them make great memories that they will carry into adulthood," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for DNR State Parks.

The maximum grant award is \$250 per application.

Applications are accepted from May 1-June 30 prior to the school year for which the grant is requested. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30.

Applicants will be notified by Sept. 1 regarding potential grant awards. The grant application is at on.IN.gov/state-park-group-programs. Read more about the impact this grant has had at indiananf.org/the-inrf-difference/education.

A video explaining the program is at youtu.be/uC4QjhsBLO8

The INRF is accepting donations to the fund from individuals, businesses, and anyone else who supports the idea of getting kids outdoors. The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children.

For further information, including how to donate, email discoveroutdoorsgrants@dnr.IN.gov.

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

Indy 500 Race Weekend At Indy Airport Is The Busiest Since 2019

As all of Indy prepares for the biggest spectacle in racing this month, the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is rolling out the red carpet to welcome travelers from around the world - with nearly 1,000 flights expected to fly in and out of Indianapolis from May 27 through May 30.

"This will be the busiest May air travel month for IND since May 2019," said Mario Rodriguez, executive director of the Indianapolis Airport Authority. "And we're putting on the fan fair to welcome the thousands of race fans arriving in our city."

Airlines are also preparing, with increased seat capacity totaling more than 124,000 seats and additional flights for race weekend.

American Airlines and United Airlines have increased their flight frequency between their hub cities and Indianapolis, which creates a larger network of connection for travelers from across the country and the world. Both also have deployed larger aircraft as well to accommodate more travelers getting to and from Indy.

American Airlines has increased its flight frequency on routes to and from Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth and Philadelphia for race weekend. United Airlines has also increased its flight frequency on routes to and from Chicago, Houston, Newark and Washing-

ton D.C. Sun Country will resume its nonstop flight to Minneapolis-St. Paul just in time for race day weekend on May 27.

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

The Indy airport is rolling out the red carpet for race fans, and the first wave of summer air travel, with various race displays, a pop-up retail shop, and art and music to create a festive atmosphere to rev up motorsports fans.

"As fans exit from their flights into the airport's public gathering area, Civic Plaza, they'll be greeted with huge window displays that look out onto the airfield, signage across our expansive catwalk and - best of all - an INDYCAR will be front and center ready for photo-ops," said Megan Carrico, IAA director of public affairs.

Travelers and race fans alike can enjoy iconic vehicles on display in the terminal, year-round, through a partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. The two vehicles currently on display post-security celebrate the history, culture, and excitement of the Month of May in Indy. Located in Concourse A is a 1968 STP Lotus Wedge #20 driven in the 1968 Indianapolis 500 by Art Pollard. Located in Concourse B is a 1967 Dean Van Lines Special driven in the 1967 Indianapolis 500 by Mario Andretti who

came within an eye-blink of recording the first-ever official 170-miles-per-hour lap at Indianapolis.

Arriving fans can also indulge their shopping urge at the pop-up retail shop located in Civic Plaza from May 19 - 31, where they can find a range of Indy 500 merchandise. The pop-up shop will offer Indy 500 apparel, diecast model cars, and everything in between to commemorate the race. Fans can also find Indy 500 items at other retailers throughout the airport.

Race fan art will also be on display in the concourses, with each piece featuring the words "Back Home Again" as, for the first time in three years, a crowd of more than 300,000 will be back in the grandstands to celebrate the 106th running of the Indianapolis 500.

Local artists JD Bills, Mary Mindiola, H. Herin, Mirvia Sol Eckert and Lucie Rice each created unique Indy 500 race motifs that reflect different aspects of the all-encompassing race day weekend, from the track to the famous 500 Festival Parade.

Fans arriving the week of the race can strike a pose in front of the Indy Wings mural, created by Indianapolis Motor Speedway graphic designer Shae Beechler as an ode to the famed IMS "Wing and Wheel" logo. Indy Wings are located across Central Indiana and provide a perfect photo opportunity

for fans, pedestrians and business customers. Fans can find the mural at IND in Baggage Claim and share their photos on social media using #IndyWings #IndyWingsatIND #ThisIsMay #Indy500.

From May 26 - 27, race fans can get their groove on to the sounds of local musicians while traveling through the Indy airport. On Thursday, singer and guitarist Tim Wright will entertain race fans in Civic Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Jenn Moe Duo will perform country-pop hits from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. D.J. Don Masters will spin his musical magic between each performance, playing travelers favorite tunes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Race Day Transportation The Indy airport will also collaborate again this year with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to provide shuttle service to and from the track on race day. Tickets are now available for purchase online for \$50 per person.

"Shuttle service ticket sales have been strong this year, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway believes that is due to pent-up demand due to limited capacity last year," said Steve Wilson, IAA director of parking operations. "So we firmly recommend race fans get their tickets now."

More information about the shuttle service can be found on the IMS website.

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