

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they
fear the name of the LORD
from the west, and his glory
from the rising of the sun.
When the enemy shall come
in like a flood, the Spirit of
the LORD shall lift up a stan-
dard against him.



➔ FACES OF
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What makes Elizabeth “Lizzie” Schultz smile? “Many things, my friends, my family, Colin (pictured with Lizzie), the love of my life, sunshine, music, caring for others, baked goods and sweets and many other small things,” said the 17-year-old, a member of the Noblesville High School Class of 2022 and who graduated with 776 classmates Tuesday during the 147th NHS commencement ceremony at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Lizzie was born and raised in Noblesville and is the daughter of Laura Schultz and Bill Schultz. She has two dogs named Hammie and Zeke and a cat named Rosie. Favorite school classes? “French, theater, NHS Singers show choir and Madjazz (choir) and early childhood development.” Plans after high school? “I will be attending Ball State (University) for Early Childhood Education. And plan to minor in something music/theater related, as that’s a big part of my life that I never want to let go of.” Plans for summer? “Spending as much time with my boyfriend and friends as I can, swimming, concerts, hopefully a trip to Nashville, too.” Miss most about high school? “Show choir and being a thespian. I’ve met so many amazing folks through those programs and have so so many fond memories of those times.” Looking forward to most in the future? “Getting to live in a dorm, meeting new friends and being a part of a sorority. My mother and grandmother were both Pi Beta Phi.” Passions? Interests? “Singing and music, dancing, acting, sewing and embroidery, learning new languages, baking and cooking, though I’m not very good at that, and writing.” Best thing you learned in high school? “Be kind. Always. You never know who is going through what, or regardless of how small your kindness may be, it still might make someone’s day.”

And Another Thing...

The Senior Citizen Organization of Noblesville will hold a bake sale at the Farmers Market at Federal Hills Commons from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 25. Members will be selling homemade cakes, cookies, candy, breads and other goodies, all reasonably priced. They will be set up in the grassy area at the east end of the public restroom building.

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Noblesville High School Class of 2022 president Emily Johns speaks to the class of 776 members during graduation on Tuesday at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

NHS Class of 2022, 776 Grads Rise Up and Survive Challenges



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Congratulations to our 776 members of the Noblesville High School Class of 2022. Tuesday’s commencement ceremony at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds was the first time since 2019 that we’ve seen a graduation ceremony. Although in 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic, the school had a wonderful parade of graduates in the parking lot. NHS teacher and senior class co-sponsor Richard Harden, a graduate of the NHS Class

of ‘83, welcomed the Class of 2022 to the 147th commencement ceremony. Classmates slowly filled the main floor of the coliseum to the music of the Pomp and Circumstance graduation march. Student body vice president Anna Schlueter invited U.S. military and veterans to stand to be honored, and student body president Nathaniel Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance. The NHS class of 2022 spent

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List Biotherapeutics Breaks Ground on New Fishers Microbiome Manufacturing Facility

City of Fishers representatives joined List Biotherapeutics, Inc. (List Bio), List Labs, and Genome & Company executives to break ground on List Bio’s new \$125 million, 110,000 square foot contract manufacturing facility on Tuesday. The facility, which spans 15 acres in the Fishers Life Science & Innovation Park, will be completed



by the end of 2023. List Bio parent company, Korean-based Genome & Company (KOSDAQ: 314130), invested in the firm’s sister company, List Labs, to expand its man-

ufacturing capabilities to offer an end-to-end manufacturing solution from early-stage development to late-stage clinical trials and commercialization. The company plans to hire 210 employees in Fishers in the areas of biologics manufacturing and quality and regulatory

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CCPR to Host Annual Monon Mixer Events this Summer

Mark your calendars: Monon Mixers are back! These adult-only, after-hours events are hosted at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. W. Mixers will be held throughout the summer on June 16, July 1, July 15, July 28, and August 4. These events are for adults

over the age of 21 and will take place from 8 –10:00 p.m. The event costs \$20 per person and includes access to all The Waterpark’s features like the lazy river, adventure slides, and FlowRider® as well as planned activities throughout the night like aqua Zumba® and log rolling.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of local vendors, in addition to concessions. The Waterpark staff reminds guests to please drink responsibly. In case of inclement weather, guests will be automatically en-

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Hop in the Driver’s Seat at Touch-A-Truck, June 17th



Touch-A-Truck, presented by Riverview Health, returns to Grand Park Sports Campus on Friday, June 17th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. New this year will be a sensory-friendly hour from 10 – 11 a.m. with no horns or sirens. This fun event provides children with a free opportunity to climb up in the driver’s seat, honk the horn and experience all the exciting things vehicles and equipment can do! This year’s vehicles include a ladder truck from Westfield Fire Department, a police cruiser from Westfield Police Department, a ready-mix cement truck, MAT-V and the Westfield Washington Public Library’s Bookmobile. Children can also enjoy bounce houses and a trackless train. There will also be safety gear presentations from the Westfield Fire Department as well as a K9 demonstration from the Westfield Police

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➔ TODAY’S HEALTH TIP

Stretching and strengthening exercises go a long way in helping to prevent falls in the elderly. 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

“Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn’t have the power to say yes.”
- Eleanor Roosevelt

➔ TODAY’S JOKE

Little Johnny’s dad told him to go to bed because the cows were asleep in the field. Annoyed, Little Johnny asked his dad what that had to do with anything. “Because, Little Johnny,” the dad smiled. “It’s pasture bedtime!”

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

On this day in ‘68, LBJ declared a National Day of Mourning after the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.



➔ OBITUARIES
None



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Find Answers to Rising Prices, or Risk the Consequences



TIM TIMMONS
Sagamore News Media CEO

I may not always succeed, but I try very hard to be a man of my word. Some time back, in this very space, I suggested that those of us who constantly run down the sitting president (or governor or mayor or county commissioner or whatever office) are not helping. My two cents was that we all need to stand behind whoever is duly elected. And if we don't like them, then work hard to get someone else elected the next time.

Until then, we should shut the hell up.
I guess I could have

stopped there . . . but nooooo! I had to keep running my mouth. I said should Joe Biden win the election then he would be my president and if I don't like what he's doing, I would not publicly blast the guy.

Uh, oops.
Little did I know we would be paying \$5 a gallon for gas and more than that for a pound of ground beef!

But you know what, a deal is a deal. Biden won – and don't give me that crap about the rigged election. Either Biden beat Trump fair and square, or his cheaters outsmarted Trump's cheaters. Either way, for better or for worse, he's my president – I just wish he'd quit making it so gosh-darn hard!

So while I continue to bite my tongue so hard I can taste blood, here's a thought or three for Mr. Biden and his folks . . . or perhaps some members of the Indiana GOP (are you

listening, Mr. Governor?) from this little corner of God's country.

Fix this crap!
We can talk all day about why gas has skyrocketed – and I don't buy the flimsy excuses the hired hands are throwing out. The reality is that it doesn't matter why you and I are taking out a second mortgage each time we fill up. What matters is that the good folks in the hallowed halls of Congress – and to a lesser degree their counterparts in Indianapolis – could fix it if they wanted. But it seems like everything else, they don't care about getting a good answer for you and yours truly. They care more about using this as a big stick to hit their political opponents over the head.

Does that mean they value party over constituents?

You bet your sweet bippy they do!

I'm not sure, but I think Gov. Holcomb has the au-

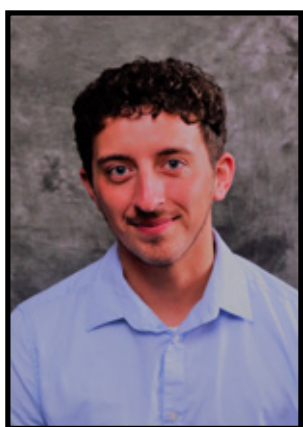
thority to suspend the gas tax temporarily in Indiana. If not, what the heck. He's crossed that line on other issues before, so why not give it a try and lower those prices for all of us.

And President Biden certainly has the ability to impact prices. So if someone would please wake him up – oops, sorry, I slipped – and suggest that if he and / or his party have any hopes of getting re-elected next time around they might want to start paying attention to our wallets instead of just their own.

Just saying.
And if Indiana wants to avoid being left out of this predicted red tidal wave, our good governor might consider the same.

- 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 timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

The Farmers Bank Hires Steven Everling as Assistant Branch Manager at Fishers Office



Steven Everling

The Farmers Bank has announced that Steven Everling joined the bank on May 31, 2022, as Assistant Branch Manager at the Fishers Office. Mr. Everling is passionate about helping his clients achieve their financial goals. Prior to joining The Farmers Bank, he previously

worked as a Financial Wellness Consultant at KeyBank in Hamilton County.

Mr. Everling graduated from Frankton High School and currently resides in Elwood, IN. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, landscaping, interior design, boating, and spending time with family and friends.

The Farmers Bank is an \$800 million asset organization chartered in 1876 with headquarters in Frankfort, IN. The Farmers Bank is locally owned and operated with 10 banking offices located in Central Indiana providing retail, business, investment & trust services, mortgage, and electronic banking services. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

The Good Old Days



RIX QUINN
Quinn Summary

My Millennial neighbors – very nice people – asked me what it was like to be a Baby Boomer. I scratched my head like I was having a complex thought... but actually, it was just dandruff. Then I started talking.

A Boomer's elementary school day started early, when he sat down for breakfast with the family. Back then, mid-century kids ate food cooked on a stove, or right out of a cereal box that contained a prize. The "microwave" was a small hand gesture used to greet neighbors you didn't know.

Unless you lived far from school (five miles or more), you walked or rode a bike. Sometimes one kid pedaled the bike, and another kid sat on the metal book rack behind the seat.

This explains why some of us did not reproduce.

The school day contained six hours of classroom work interrupted by two recess periods plus a lunch. Many younger kids opted for the "plate lunch" (one meat and two certified vegetables) plus a small carton of regular or chocolate milk.

In the lunchroom, one of the major rules was "Do not throw things." In other words, do not throw your trash at the giant garbage can. Do not throw your dinner roll at a friend. Do not throw up.

There was one teacher-supervised recess where children played kickball, volleyball, or any activity with an inflated round object.

Unsupervised recess allowed "free play," but some played too freely with car parts, or the school's public address system.

One kid even tried to sell friends his autographed photo of George Washington. (But we guessed it was fake, because cameras were pretty lousy in the 1700s.)

- Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.

Indiana Board of Education Approves Indiana's New Science & Middle School Civics Standards



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) yesterday approved new K-12 Indiana Academic Standards in science and computer science, as well as academic standards for a new middle school civics course.

Indiana's new science standards reflect similar content areas as Indiana's previous 2016 standards, with an increased focus on supporting active student engagement in science learning. This includes updates to Indiana's science

standards that:

- Reflect science as it is practiced and experienced in the real world;
- Build logically from kindergarten through grade 12;
- Focus on deeper understanding as well as application of content; and
- Integrate practices, crosscutting concepts and core ideas.

Indiana's civics standards will support a new civics class that students will take during the second semester of sixth grade,

building upon citizenship standards in earlier grades. The new standards focus on instructing students on the foundations of government, functions of government and the role of citizens. To support these new sixth grade standards, some existing social studies standards have been rearranged to be taught in either seventh or eighth grade.

Indiana Academic Standards provide a guide of knowledge and skills that students should build across all grade levels and provide a basis for schools' locally established curriculum. Each standard is reviewed once every six years through a process that includes input from parents, educators and other stakeholders.

Drafted standards are then available for public comment before being finalized and approved by the SBOE.

In addition to this review and public comment process, Indiana's middle school civics standards were reviewed by the newly-created Indiana Civics Education Commission and the Civics Standards Committee, established in 2021 by House Enrolled Act 1384.

The Indiana Department of Education will make resources and guidance available to schools to support implementation of these standards. Indiana's new science and civics standards will be fully effective in Indiana schools by the 2023-2024 school year.

Little Red Door Cancer Agency to Host 2nd Annual Random Acts of Kindness Week

Little Red Door Cancer Agency is celebrating its second annual Random Acts of Kindness week this June 5th-June 11th. This week is dedicated to spreading kindness to the Indiana community and beyond by encouraging people to do something nice for others in their community.

Last year's Random Acts of Kindness Week saw 7500 random acts of kindness completed in

honor of Little Red Door's 75th year of supporting central Indiana's cancer community. This year, Little Red Door plans to continue that momentum and push for 7600 random acts of kindness in honor of its 76th year.

For more than 70 years, Little Red Door has been a leader in our community, understanding and responding to change, and seizing opportunities to help those who need it



most. Little Red Door's Random Acts of Kindness week is a time to choose kindness and spread joy to the community around

you, in whatever way is meaningful for you.

As Indiana's oldest cancer agency, Little Red Door Cancer Agency helps underserved Hoosiers battling cancer, educates the public about cancer prevention and provides survivor health programming to uninsured people in central and east central Indiana. For more information, visit www.littlereddoor.org or call (317) 925-5595.

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Free Summer Bike Rides ‘Trail Ride Thursdays’ by Pacers Bikeshare to Begin Today



Pacers Bikeshare and Indianapolis Cultural



Trail Inc are hosting their summer group bike rides again this year, and kicking off the month of June with a ride through Garfield Park.

Trail Ride Thursdays are free leisurely rides lasting an hour and participants are invited to use a Pacers Bikeshare bike or bring their own. “These summer rides are a really nice evening activity,” said Frank Stone, EveryBody Rides coordinator. “Everybody

is welcome each week where we will meet up at the park’s Pacers Bikeshare station and then head out together to explore the nearby community and how it is connected to the larger system of trails.” Trail Ride Thursdays are weekly June-August, and will start from a

different location each month. Rides will start and end at the Pacers Bikeshare station located within each of the three parks. When & Where: • June 9, 16, 23, 30 - meet in Garfield Park at corner of Shelby St. & E. Southern Ave. • July 7, 14, 21, 28 -

meet in Riverside Park at E. Riverside Dr. & Burdsal Pkwy • Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 - meet in Fall Creek and 30th St. Park at Fall Creek & College For more information about each ride, follow Pacers Bikeshare on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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American Red Cross

Each year on June 14, the American Red Cross joins blood collection organizations around the world to celebrate World Blood Donor Day, which recognizes the importance of a safe and stable blood supply and the donors who make it possible. Nearly 2.5 million people volunteer to give lifesaving blood and platelets every year with the Red Cross. Eligible donors are encouraged to be part of something big by making an appointment to give blood or platelets this month.

Blood donations decline in late spring and early summer – especially during holiday weeks, like Memorial Day and Independence Day – but the need for blood and platelet transfusions doesn’t take a summer break. Generous blood donors are critically important in ensuring lifesaving care is available the moment patients need it. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you for helping, 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.*

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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

Blood drive safety: The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to 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](https://www.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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

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Indiana Destination Development Corporation, Visit Indiana Launch New Tourism Marketing Campaign



Visit Indiana and the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) yesterday launched the ‘IN Indiana’ marketing campaign, a unique effort to tell the Hoosier State’s authentic story. Visit Indiana has developed an extensive customizable toolkit of resources available free of charge to every business, small town, big city, and destination in the state.

“In keeping with our great state’s spirit of innovation, this campaign gives tools and a voice to everyone, making Indiana stronger together,” Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. “From Indiana’s shoreline to the hills in southern Indiana, there is something for everyone here IN Indiana.”

The IN Indiana marketing campaign will build on what Indiana is known for, including the world’s largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indy 500. The capital city, Indianapolis, is known for successfully hosting national sporting events, such as the NCAA tournament and the College Football Championships, as well as, major conventions, including FFA, GenCon and

most recently the Global Economic Summit.

“From the smallest towns to the largest cities, the adaptable messaging of ‘IN Indiana’ will instill pride in the many communities that make up the state,” Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said. “Thanks to the campaign’s unified messaging, we will attract more visitors, retain college graduates from our schools, and attract top talent to ensure Indiana’s continued growth and success.”

The IN Indiana campaign will allow every stakeholder, no matter their budget, to benefit from these tools and unified messaging. The ‘IN Indiana’ design kit includes logos, brand guides, social media templates, print collateral templates, tradeshow collateral, promotional items, digital ad templates and more. Each resource is fully customizable for all Indiana stakeholders, allowing them to personalize their marketing efforts while at the same time presenting a unified front to potential visitors, future residents and companies looking to do business in

Indiana.

“The goal behind ‘IN Indiana’ is to help Indiana function as a state united when it comes to spreading the word about this wonderful part of the world,” Elaine Bedel, IDDC Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, said. “These stories will show new visitors the unexplored diversity of the state and create pride and ownership in our people.”

For more information about the marketing campaign, go to VisitIndiana.com.

House Enrolled Act 1115 established the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) to position Indiana as the best place to live, work, play, study and stay. IDDC operates as a public-private agency and is governed by a seven-member board. Members include Governor Eric Holcomb who has appointed the Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch as his designee, the president of the IEDC or designee, and five governor-appointed members from the private sector. Elaine Bedel serves as Secretary & CEO.

In Major Win for Hoosiers, Attorney General Rokita Secures Participation of All Indiana Communities in \$507M Opioid Settlement



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita has successfully brought together every Indiana city, town and county to participate in a historic \$507 million settlement that will bring massive relief to Hoosiers struggling with the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic.

“Today marks a milestone victory in our battle against drug addiction,” Attorney General Rokita said. “This scourge has inflicted such unspeakable pain on so many Hoosiers. We are fighting daily for our families, friends and neighbors. By all of us working together, we can ensure a brighter day is coming.”

Achieving the participation of all 648 political subdivisions in Indiana — i.e., cities, towns and counties — required overcoming several obstacles. The most significant impediment came from outside attorneys who initially convinced several individual communities to pursue their own litigation rather than opt into the statewide settlement.

And later, once those same private attorneys conceded the best course was to join the statewide settlement, some of them insisted on building into the disbursement plan

greater windfalls for themselves.

“Some lawyers seemed enticed by the prospect of big paydays,” Attorney General Rokita said. “We worked with our partners in local government to make sure the opportunity to serve the public good won out over private pecuniary interests.”

The settlement funds will support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, and early intervention and crisis support, among other important programs.

Indiana technically is party to two settlements — one with Johnson & Johnson, which manufactured and marketed opioids, and one with the nation’s three major pharmaceutical distributors (Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen).

The overall arrangement is part of a \$26 billion agreement settling allegations of 46 states and many units of local government against the four companies.

“No amount of money will ever compensate families for the loss of loved ones,” Attorney General Rokita said. “But a settlement of this magnitude helps prevent similar types of corporate irresponsibility from ever happening again.”

Attorney General Rokita and his team worked directly with elected members of the Indiana General Assembly and local government leaders to create a statutory structure that will efficiently distribute funding directly to local communities.

This past session, House Enrolled Act 1193 vastly improved upon a previous existing framework that featured too

much state-level bureaucracy. Previously, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) would have acted as a “middleman” distributing funds to local governments.

“Together, we have created an excellent disbursement plan for our opioid settlement,” Attorney General Rokita said. “From the very beginning, my own mission was to ensure that our local communities received the maximum funding possible — and that the individual communities also could decide exactly how to use the funds they received.”

The settlement framework continues to be a 50-50 split between the state and local governments.

Thirty percent of the settlement funds with “no strings attached” is split evenly between local communities and the state. That 30 percent can be used however local communities and the state choose to use them.

The other 70 percent is designated for opioid abatement efforts in local communities. State leaders decide exactly how to allocate half that amount — or 35 percent of the total. And this year’s legislation now ensures that local governments decide exactly how to allocate the other half of that total.

“Local government is closest to the people and most aware of community needs,” Attorney General Rokita said. “So that’s where the best decisions can be made regarding exactly how to spend these funds. Just as I did as Secretary of State and in Congress, I will continue to trust the wisdom of local leaders.”



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Indiana State Fair Announces Second Wave of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts

Yesterday, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the second 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 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

- **Kansas** - Friday, July 29 (opening day)
- **We The Kingdom** - July 31
- **Chaka Khan** - Wednesday, August 3
- **Trace Adkins** - Wednesday, August 10
- **KC & The Sunshine Band** - Friday, August 12
- **El Día de los Latinos en la Feria del Estado de Indiana presented by Radio Latina** (Latino-Fest at the Indiana State Fair) - Sunday, August 13
- **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
- **Gospel Music Day featuring Fred Hammond** - Sunday, August 21

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.

Here are biographies for each of the 2022 artists:

- 1. Kansas:**

A. 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.”
- 2. We The Kingdom:**

A. We The Kingdom is a multigenerational family of musicians, including producers and songwriters Ed Cash (Chris Tomlin, NeedToBreathe, Bethel Music, Crowder), Scott Cash, Franni Rae Cash, Martin Cash and Andrew Berghold. With a combination of four different decades, We The Kingdom’s music embraces worship, rock, country, folk and pop, providing a textured sonic background for vulnerable, gritty lyrics. The Georgia based band write songs about the full spectrum of human emotion, including the messy parts, as they aim to embrace brokenness, honesty, and the redemptive power of God’s love in their music.

- 3. Chaka Khan:**

A. 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 music 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.”

- 4. Trace Adkins:**

A. Trace Adkins is a Grammy award nominated, three-time CMA award winner that has sold more than eleven million albums and has charted more than 20 singles in his 25 year long career. This Nashville artist has worked with other big country artists like Luke Bryan to rap superstar Snoop Dogg in his career. Along with singing Trace has found his way into films and television shows getting roles as a tough-as-nails biker in “The Lincoln Lawyer” (starring Matthew McConaughey), a desperate father in “Deepwater Horizon” (starring Mark Wahlberg), a wise oracle of a tattoo artist in the family friendly film “Moms’ Night Out” (starring Patricia Heaton, Sean Astin, Sarah Drew), and as MercyMe’s actual manager in the box office hit “I Can Only Imagine.”

- 5. KC & the Sunshine Band:**

A. Features in over 200 motion picture films, Grammy awards, People’s Choice awards, four number one records in a row, and coined the “Founder of the Dance Revolution” all can be claimed by KC & the Sunshine Band. Hits like, “Give it up”, “That’s the way (I like it)”, and “(Shake Shake Shake) Shake Your Booty” have found their way into nearly every major sporting event, parade, wedding, and bar mitzvah of the last three decades. The fifteen

man band took inspiration from the sunny days in Florida to get the very energetic and fun sound that continually influences artists to this day. KC & the Sunshine Band led by Harry Wayne Casey did not only spark a revolution in the 70s and 80s, but still has people of all ages now getting up out of their seats to boogie.

- 6. Zach Williams:**

A. 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.

- 7. Happy Together Tour:**

A. 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.

- 8. Carly Pearce:**

A. 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.

- 9. Fred Hammond:**

A. Detroit-raised Fred Hammond is one of the most popular worship gospel singers to date. Getting his start in the 80s, Fred performed in gospel bands and groups until going solo in 1991. Since then, he has released a consistent string of gospel albums, “Verity,” “Pages of Life: Chapters I & II (1998),” “Free to Worship (2006),” and “God, Love & Romance (2012),” “United Tenors Project” (2013) and “I Will Trust” (2014), all reaching Billboard’s No. 1 Gospel Album spot within the first week of releasing. Fred returned to concerts in 2016 after a 17-year hiatus and has been touring ever since. He continues to collaborate and produce with multiple generations of gospel musicians including The Williams Brothers, Yolanda Adams, Israel & New Breed, John Bush & Andy Kellman, and Rovi.



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only two complete years in the NHS building, freshman and senior years. “Stronger Together” was the school year’s motto.

“And together we helped and supported each other through the good times and the bad,” said NHS principal Craig McCaffrey, who spoke in front of the class, calling commencement a “surreal moment.” The school year was closer to normal than the two previous school years, with a homecoming parade and dance, a prom and multiple state championships.

“While graduation celebrates an entire class, it also celebrates each of you as an individual,” McCaffrey said. “I wanted to recognize your individual hard work and dedication and remind each of you that you are somebody ... You’re somebody who has endured, led, followed ... someone who has mattered ... You are someone who will impact our world ... you are somebody ... Congratulations Class of 2022 for what you have achieved now, and we can’t wait to see what you’ll achieve in the future.”

Senior Rowan Wolke, who was extensively involved in NHS’s genders and sexualities alliance club, said, “I have just spent the last year already missing a place I haven’t even left yet. There’s something about Noblesville High School that is so strangely special ... Noblesville has always been exactly what all of us needed ... No matter where you’re going ... take a moment and really look around, think of every special moment you’ve had here.... Don’t let it go even as you look up and start your new journey.”

Senior Madison Durst said, “One thousand, two hundred and eight days ago, we walked into Noblesville High School as freshmen, never knowing how weird and challenging the next four years would be ... This year, we took every ounce of normalness we had and transformed it into something beautiful. Our jazz band was picked for the second-consecutive time to play at the Superbowl of Jazz, our show choirs have had their most successful season since 1977, our boys soccer team won state, our marching band qualified and placed at state for the first time, our thespian troupe won regionals and, of course, our girls basketball team absolutely dominated their entire season and won their state championship.”

Durst said, “I’m so proud of us for continuing

to rise up, for not only surviving each challenge but finding a way to thrive in each scenario, for being a true definition of a Miller....”

Senior Class President Emily Johns, who graduated summa cum laude and who will study Aerospace Engineering at Purdue University College of Engineering, took listeners down a beautiful path, reflecting on the high school years.

“These past four years have been filled with so much growth, laughter and happiness. Today, our graduation brings a new sense of freedom. What you do with that freedom is up to you. Maybe that makes you excited. Or maybe that makes you terrified. Despite whatever you may be feeling, I urge you all to strive to create a version of the world that you want to live in ... Pursue what you are passionate about and do not let anything stand in your path. Above all, remember that you are only bound by the limitations you set for yourself,” she said.

NHS choir director John Neubauer directed seniors in the choir in singing “For Good” from “Wicked.

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer declared members of the class as

graduates of Noblesville High School.

Johns returned to the podium and led the turning of the tassel. “The changing of the tassel will signify that we are official graduates of Noblesville High School,” she said. “Congratulations to the Class of 2022.”

Over the past few weeks, Noblesville Schools on Facebook has been showcasing senior pictures each day along with each student’s college choice and area of study.

Earlier in May, the NHS Honors night announced “a record-setting \$6.3 million in scholarship dollars earned and celebrated over 300 students with academic honors cords for grade point averages of 3.5 and above,” said district spokesperson Marnie Cooke. More than 130 individual local scholarships were awarded to 84 different students and more than 150 students reported university and other scholarships for post-secondary education.

Cooke said, “The Noblesville High School Class of 2022 is really impressive.”

Yes, it was, and always is, a great day to be a Miller.

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compliance.

“Breaking ground on yet another headquarters at the Life Science & Innovation Park is a humbling moment,” said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. “Our vision to create a hub for biopharma and biotech is becoming a reality and we’re grateful that the teams at Genome and List Bio have entrusted Fishers to be their home, where they will impact lives all around the world.”

List Bio’s commitment to the City of Fishers is another example of how the community’s business, talent, and innovation climates are coming together to create an ideal landing spot for biotech and biopharma companies. The City of Fishers has had \$750 million in investment from biotech and biopharma companies since 2020.

For more information about the Fishers Life Science & Innovation Park, visit fishersecondev.com.

Since its establishment in 2015, Genome & Company develops next waves of innovative drugs including anti-cancer microbiome therapeutics and novel target immune checkpoint inhibitors. Through continuing open innovations with global external collaborations and strategic investments, the company has expanded its microbiome pipeline into central nervous system disorders such as autisms and continues to pioneer the market in becoming a fully integrated global healthcare group capable of research, development, and manufacturing of first-in-class pharmaceutical modalities including microbiome. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.genomecom.co.kr>.

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The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County and was named #1 Place to Live in the US by Money Magazine in 2017. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

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Carmel • Clay Parks & Recreation

rolled in the next Mixer offered. If there is inclement weather on the day of the final Mixer (August 4), a refund will be issued.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) holds the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for parks serving populations of 75,001 to 150,000. As an accredited agency, the department serves the recreation, fitness and nature needs of the community, manages and develops existing spaces and resources

and creates a sustainable future for parks and recreation programs through a financially viable and environmentally conscious parks system.

CCPR manages and maintains more than 500 park acres and numerous recreation facilities, including the Monon Community Center and The Waterpark. In addition, CCPR has partnered with Carmel Clay Schools to establish Extended School Enrichment (ESE), a before and after-school care program for K-6 students located at all eleven Carmel elementary schools. The Summer Camp Series is a component of ESE that offers 12 different summer camps accommodating children ages 5-15. For more information, visit carmelclayparks.com.

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Department.

Attendees can park in Lot C located at 19000 Grand Park Blvd. Touch-A-Truck takes place on the West side of Lot C towards the fields.

“Touch-a-Truck provides a unique opportunity for our younger community to experience vehicles and operating equipment that they may not be able to get up close to every day,” said Kayla Arnold, Director of Westfield Welcome. “We are excited to bring this event back to

Westfield after a two-year hiatus.”

Schedules and event details can be found at westfieldwelcome.com/touch-a-truck.

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses and visitors. As a department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 25 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year.

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Did You Know?

- Jasper County was formed in 1838 and was named for Sgt. William Jasper, a famous scout for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War
- Rensselaer, the county seat, has a total population of 5,859 residents.
- Former home to Saint Joseph’s College.
- The Jasper County courthouse was built in 1898 at a total cost of \$141,731.94.
- The county is 561.39 square miles and has a population of 33,478 residents.

Got Words?

The Jasper County Courthouse has a historic clock tower on top of the building. Montgomery County recently added a clock tower to our courthouse. What do you think is the cultural impact of having a landmark such as that atop a courthouse?

Number Stumpers

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1. What percentage of people live in Rensselaer?

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2. How old is Jasper County?

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3. How old was Jasper County when the courthouse was built?

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4. What is the population density of the county?

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Answers: 1. 17.5 2. 181 Years 3. 60 Years Old 4. 59 / sq. mi.

Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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2. SATIN JSHOPES

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World Bank, European Parliament Seek Insight From Purdue Global Trade Expert On Impact Of The War In Ukraine

Maksym Chepeliev began his career focused on global trade and a pathway to alternative energy when environmental concerns dominated the conversation. In February, Russia invaded his home country of Ukraine, and his life changed. His work and expertise took on new importance, informing energy sanctions and the potential economic impacts of the war.

Chepeliev, a research economist in Purdue University's College of Agriculture, spoke before the European Parliament and co-authored the World Bank report "The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Global Trade and Investment."

"First, we want this terrible war to end, and Russian energy exports are a target for applying pressure," said Chepeliev, a member of Purdue's Center for Global Trade Analysis. "But we must consider the economic impact across the world of energy sanctions and of continued war. This is where our research and that of others is needed to show steps that can be taken to protect economies and the people most vulnerable to disruptions."

Chepeliev co-authored with World Bank colleagues a VoxEU article based on his contributions to the report titled "Agricultural and Energy Importers in the Developing World Are Hit Hardest by the Ukraine War's Economic Fallout." He also contributed to a previous World Bank report, "Braving the Storms," in which he assessed the potential impacts of war in Ukraine on countries in East Asia and the Pacific region.

"The Russian invasion of Ukraine is disrupting global supplies of oil, gas, wheat, corn, fertilizer, sunflower oil and other essential commodities," he said. "We looked at trade, supply chains and incomes across the globe. While all consumers will be worse off because of the war, developing countries and the poorest people will be hit the hardest. It is very important to identify who is most vulnerable and to propose policies and steps that can be taken to protect them."

In March, Chepeliev co-authored the paper "Cutting Russia's Fossil Fuel Exports: Short-Term Pain for Long-Term Gain" with Purdue

professors Thomas Hertel, distinguished professor of agricultural economics, and Dominique van der Mensbrugghe, research professor and director of the Center for Global Trade Analysis, or GTAP.

Luis Garicano, an economist and member of the European Parliament, asked Chepeliev to join a panel speaking to the European Parliament ahead of the vote on a resolution to ban energy imports from Russia. His research and visit are featured on this Purdue Agricultural Economics podcast.

"There are economic mechanisms that can help smooth transitions like this and make them manageable," Chepeliev said. "Through our research we showed potential steps that can be done to implement a ban on energy imports from Russia, while incorporating substitute suppliers and alternative energy sources to reduce the shock to the economy."

The assessment also showed potential long-term benefits to moving into renewable and alternative fuels, which is an extension of his earlier career research and environmental energy

expertise.

"We found with increasing fuel prices, solar and wind shares increase, which leads to reduced emissions of air pollutants," he said. "Air pollution is a major cause of mortality and morbidity in the European Union. In addition, these changes would support achievement of the mitigation goals that have been set of reducing greenhouse gases by 55 percent by 2030. It will be difficult, but there are long-term benefits."

Chepeliev contributes to the development of the widely used GTAP Data Base, which the team used for their energy bans analysis and other assessment projects related to the war in Ukraine. He also is developing other databases unrelated to the war that focus on energy, agriculture, air pollution, nutrition and circular economy.

"I want to combine these databases with policy-relevant work to help those making decisions that impact our world," he said. "My experience presenting to the European Parliament and other decision-makers is an example of the role academic researchers can play."

US Department Of Labor Awards More Than \$57M To Help Veterans

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of more than \$57 million in grants to organizations that help veterans experiencing homelessness find meaningful employment and assist them in overcoming barriers to transition back successfully into the workforce.

Ending homelessness among veterans is a priority for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is chaired by U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge and vice-chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough. Upholding our sacred obligation to our veterans is also a key part of the Unity Agenda President Biden laid out in his State of the Union address.

"The pandemic further exposed the difficulties faced by our nation's homeless veterans," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh. "The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grants announced today will fund initiatives that help our veterans – particularly those in underserved communities – get the training and support they need return to the workforce and use their skills to make valuable contributions to our society." Administered by the

department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, HVRP funding will support 112 continuation grants totaling more than \$37 million, and fund 56 new three-year grants totaling more than \$20 million. These awards will enable recipients to provide a wide range of services to homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness.

The HVRP awards grants on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and faith-based and community organizations.

Through the services provided, veterans experiencing homelessness may learn occupational skills, attain apprenticeships or on-the-job training opportunities, and receive job search and placement assistance.

The Indiana recipients of continuing grants for Program Year 2022 are as follows:

- ECHO Housing Corp.; Evansville, IN; \$149,419
- Crossroads Rehabilitation Center Inc.; Indianapolis, IN; \$297,440
- Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana; Indianapolis, IN; \$320,000
- Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana; Indianapolis, IN; \$255,000

USDA Has Provided \$700M To Restore Sustainable Fuel Markets Hit By Pandemic

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department has provided \$700 million to help lower costs and support biofuel producers who faced unexpected market losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are being made available through the Biofuel Producer Program, which was created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The investments include more than \$486 million for 62 producers located in socially vulnerable communities.

"The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to rebuilding the rural economy after the impacts of the pandemic," Vilsack said. "That's why USDA is targeting resources and investments to improve the strength and resiliency of America's sustainable fuel markets. The investments we're announcing today will pave the way to economic recovery for America's biofuel pro-

ducers, stimulate a critical market for U.S. farmers and ranchers, and support our nation's transition to a clean-energy economy.

USDA is making payments to 195 biofuel production facilities to support the maintenance and viability of a significant market for agricultural producers of products such as corn, soybean or biomass that supply biofuel production. These biofuel producers experienced unexpected market losses on a combined 3.7 billion gallons as a result of COVID-19.

For example: In Iowa, Southwest Renewable Energy LLC is receiving a payment of \$3 million. It suffered a market loss on 14.3 million gallons of ethanol due to the pandemic.

In Illinois, Adkins Energy is receiving a \$774,000 payment. Its biomass-based diesel production suffered a market loss on almost 3.5 million gallons due to the pandemic.

In Texas, White Energy Holding Company is

receiving a \$21 million payment for production at two facilities. Its ethanol production suffered a market loss on 98 million gallons due to the pandemic.

The investments USDA is making today will support biofuel producers in California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Under the leadership of the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in

rural, tribal and high-poverty areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov. If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

Indiana Chamber Taps IURC Commissioner David Ober As New VP Of Taxation

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has hired former state legislator and current Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) Commissioner David Ober to join its lobbying team. Ober starts his new position as vice president of taxation and public finance in late June.

The Indiana Chamber is the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the state, representing businesses of all types and sizes throughout Indiana. Organization president and CEO Kevin Brinegar offers praise for Ober.

"David is one of the most intellectually curious and thorough individuals I've ever come across in the public policy and rulemaking arena. Couple that with his firsthand knowledge of the General Assembly and experience with state fiscal matters and he is an ideal fit for this role," he remarks. "We couldn't be more pleased to welcome him on board to lead our efforts to further enhance the state's business tax climate."

Ober is one of the state's five IURC commissioners; collectively they hear cases and render decisions in the public interest regarding utility practices. Prior to his IURC appointment by Gov. Eric Holcomb, Ober served House District 82

in the Indiana House of Representatives representing Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble and Whitley counties from 2012 to 2018.

Throughout his tenure in state government, Ober held a variety of leadership positions including assistant majority whip for the House Republican Caucus and chairman of the House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee. He also was a member of the top fiscal body, the House Ways and Means Committee.

"The Indiana Chamber leadership and public policy team has some of the best minds working to shape the future of commerce and the economic environment in our state," Ober says. "I am looking forward to expanding on the great work already being done, and I'm eager to continue building the Chamber's reputation with policy-makers and stakeholders."

Ober holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University Northwest in Hammond and a master's degree in business administration from Ball State University.

A native of Albion in Noble County, he and his wife, Maggie, currently reside in Zionsville.

Ober will replace longtime Indiana Chamber executive Bill Waltz, who retires mid-July.

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Fellowships Announced To Study Anti-Black Racism In Indiana

Indiana Humanities has awarded fellowships of \$5,000 for four humanities-based research projects that examine anti-Black racial injustice and structural racism in Indiana. The Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship program strives to provoke and inform meaningful discussions about race and racism in Indiana and about how Black Hoosiers have responded.

Fellowship-supported research will examine the history of Black Indianapolis neighborhoods, the built environment of Black communities, environmental injustice and the role of Black doulas. Independent scholars, professors and a Ph.D. student will conduct the research.

The four research projects and the selected fellows are:

- Reviving a Forgotten Freetown: Preserving the Legacy of the U.S. Colored Troops in Southeast Indianapolis – Fellow: Kaila Austin

- Black Poetics of Place – Fellow: Danicia Monét Malone

- An Unequal Burden – Fellow: Britt Redd

- Obstetric Racism in Indiana: How Hoosier Doulas Resist Anti-Black Racism in Birth – Fellows: Julie Johnson Searcy and Angela Castañeda

“We created the Wilma Gibbs Moore Fellowship program in 2020 as a way to explore race-related issues in Indiana,” said Keira Amstutz, Indiana Humanities president and CEO. “We were thrilled with our inaugural class of fellows and how their humanities research promoted greater understanding around the complexities of race. We’re glad to offer the fellowship again and are looking forward to continuing the conversation around this vital topic.”

The Wilma Gibbs

Moore Fellowships are named for a former Indiana Historical Society archivist and librarian who served as one of Indiana’s preeminent scholars of African American history. An advisory panel of esteemed humanities scholars reviewed the proposals and made the final selections.

“The reviewers were especially excited about this year’s fellowship topics,” said advisory panel member Dr. Terri Jett, a Butler University political science professor and faculty director of the Butler University Hub for Black Affairs and Community Engagement (who also serves as an Indiana Humanities board member). “We’re honored to support projects that explore unique Black experiences and that elevate diverse voices within the Black community.”

As part of the fellowship, the scholars are required to present their research to the public in some format. For details about future fellowship deadlines and progress on these projects, go to <https://indianahumanities.org/wgmfellowship>.

Project Details
Reviving a Forgotten Freetown: Preserving the Legacy of the U.S. Colored Troops in Southeast Indianapolis

Kaila Austin, an independent scholar, will conduct an oral history and archive project with the descendants of U.S. Colored Troops in two small African American communities, Norwood and Lovetown, which began as Reconstruction-era settlements outside Indianapolis in 1872. The founders were veterans from Kentucky, drawn to the area due to its proximity to Camp Fremont, home of the 28th Infantry, Indiana’s only U.S. Colored Troops regiment. Norwood and its partner community

Lovetown were affluent, independent Freetowns until they were annexed into Indianapolis in 1912. Today more than 15 descendant families still live on the lots their ancestors purchased over a century and a half ago. Because of their stability, each family has home-based archives dating back to Emancipation, tracking nearly every person and story in their extensive history. This grant will allow for Austin and a team of scholars to discover more about how this resilient community has retained its history, culture and spirit, often in the face of unrelenting injustice.

Kaila Austin is an Indianapolis-based public historian, writer and artist who runs a consulting firm that helps historical African American communities mobilize their histories to save their ancestral spaces. With the support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Association of African American Museums recently appointed her to a working group that will collaborate with museum-industry experts to address key challenges of the African American-focused museum field. Austin has served as a Burroughs-Wright Emerging Professional Fellow for the Association of African American Museums and as a fellow in the Indiana Arts Commission’s On-Ramp Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator. She holds a degree in art history, painting and African American and African Diaspora studies from Indiana University.

Black Poetics of Place
Dancia Monét Malone, a doctoral student in geography and urban studies at Temple University, will examine public and private built environments to learn about the historical ways

that Blacks have built, maintained and passed down their methods of Black living. Looking at architectural design to analyze vernaculars of space, Malone’s work will establish patterns of urbanization and cultural accoutrement within historically Black Indianapolis communities such as Norwood, Sunnyside and Haughville and will highlight innovative diasporic identities of Black homesteading otherwise lost or overlooked by a White spatial imaginary. Through her research, Malone will unearth a rich body of architectural infrastructure created by Black architects and designers throughout Indiana, adding to the cultural canon of historical design.

Dancia Monét Malone holds a master’s degree in nonprofit management and sustainability from Indiana University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in geography and urban studies from Temple University. Malone serves as programs manager and researcher at the Purdue University Black Cultural Center, where she curates enrichment programs and researches the correlation of race and place. She cofounded BlackSpace Indianapolis and has served as a fellow at Americans for the Arts, Transportation for America, Next City and other organizations.

An Unequal Burden
Indianapolis’s long history of housing discrimination has contributed to some neighborhoods having significantly higher pollution burdens than others. City planner Britt Redd will conduct an environmental justice project to capture the lived experiences of the people in those neighborhoods. The project aims to deepen the understanding of pollution burden in Indianapolis by combin-

ing existing data with oral-history interviews and archival research.

Britt Redd is an Indianapolis city planner whose work centers on giving neighbors greater power over the places they live and the decisions that affect them. Redd has collaborated with neighbors and community advocates on regional and neighborhood plans, the design of public spaces, green-corridor revitalization and economic-development strategies. Redd holds a master’s degree in urban and regional planning and a certificate in social and environmental justice from Ball State University.

Obstetric Racism in Indiana: How Hoosier Doulas Resist Anti-Black Racism in Birth

Professors of anthropology Julie Johnson Searcy and Angela Castañeda will utilize oral histories to gather the experiences of Black Hoosier doulas as they serve families across the state. Doulas are birth workers who offer informational, emotional and embodied support to people giving birth; they move between homes and hospitals as they extend prenatal education, support during labor and postpartum care. Research on Black birth workers notes that doulas often see themselves as mediators between women and the obstetric racism they may face in hospitals. There is power in shared stories about supporting birth, for these stories can reveal the strategies for navigating racial injustice at a crucial moment for families. By gathering the stories of Black doulas who have their own private practice and doulas who work for collectives such as the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, this project will offer a unique lens into examples

of structural racism that women experience during birth, and it will document the ways that Black families and Black doulas navigate, uplift and support women through their work.

Julie Johnson Searcy is an assistant professor of anthropology at Butler University. She holds a doctorate in communication and culture and in anthropology from Indiana University. She has researched and published extensively on topics such as the anthropology of reproduction, medical anthropology, feminist anthropology, gender, labor and race. She received the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation for her work on birth and HIV in South Africa and the Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies, along with Butler University’s Future Faculty Teaching Fellowship and the Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship. She is also a practicing community doula.

Angela Castañeda is professor and Lester Martin Jones Professor of Anthropology at DePauw University. She holds both a master’s degree and a doctorate in cultural anthropology from Indiana University. Her research in Brazil, Mexico and the United States explores questions on religion, ritual, expressive culture and the anthropology of reproduction. She has published on the performance of Afro-Caribbean identity, the commercialization of Brazilian religious traditions and mothering in a neoliberal world. Castañeda is a practicing birth and postpartum doula with El Centro Comunal Latino, where she also volunteers as a Spanish childbirth educator.

American Red Cross And Cedar Fair Theme Parks Team Up To Maintain The Summer Blood Supply

The American Red Cross and Cedar Fair theme parks are teaming to help maintain the blood supply this summer. Anyone who donates blood at select blood drives will receive a free Cedar Fair theme park ticket in thanks for helping save lives.

The partnership with Cedar Fair includes 10 parks across the U.S. with a goal of increasing blood and platelet donations during the summer months when donations decrease but the need remains constant.

“The summer months are a crucial time for blood and platelet donations as donations tend to decline due to summer vacations and travel among regular donors,” said Julie Brady, Donor Services Executive for the Red Cross Indiana Blood Services Region. “The Red Cross is grateful to blood and platelet donors for coming together to support patients during this challenging time.

All those who come to donate at select blood drives in Indiana and Ohio will receive one free ticket, valid for entry to

participating U.S. Cedar Fair parks, including Cedar Point, Kings Island and others, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities with free Cedar Fair theme park ticket can be found here.

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 must 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.

Blood drive safety
Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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